

**CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP  
CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES  
June 4, 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 Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 7:05 P.M.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:**

At-Large Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt  
North Ward Councilwoman Tency A. Eason  
At-Large Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler (arrived at 7:10)  
East Ward Councilwoman Linda Jones-Bell  
South Ward Councilman Edward B. Marable, Jr.  
At-Large Council President Donna K. Williams

**Also Present:**

Deputy Municipal Clerk, Madeline F. Smith  
Marty Mayes, Administrative Representative  
Finance Director, Adrian Mapp  
James Wolfe, City Attorney's Office  
Margarette Homere, Clerk's Office

**Absent:**

West Ward Councilman Abdul-Rasheed  
Kevin D. Harris, Legislative Research Officer

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 Deputy Clerk announced that the requirement of N.J. S.A. 10:4-9 et. Seq., "Sunshine Law" had been met. A notice of this meeting was sent to the *Star Ledger*

and published in *the Record-Transcript* on July 18, 2013, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

### **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

- **Captain Gary Nash - Supervising Officer Sheriff's Bureau Narcotics**

Captain Nash was introduced by Police Director Sims. Councilwoman Eason asked the purpose of Captain Nash's visit. Council President Williams reported that Captain Nash was from the Essex County Sheriff's Office speaking on initiatives in Essex County and law enforcement, which impacts Orange. Director Sims reported that he had worked with Captain Nash on special Task Force and on the narcotics force. Captain Nash reported that his department section covers Essex County parks. The park on Central Avenue and the areas of Central Place and Oakwood have been focused on by the Essex County Narcotics Division working with Director Sims. Captain Nash reported on what actions have been taken to stop the drugs in those areas. The Sheriff's Department helps the Orange Police Department with investigations, warrants and drug arrest. Captain Nash answered questions from the Council.

- **Director Hakim Sims –Update Orange Police Department**

Councilman Corbitt introduced Director Sims reporting that Director Sims would be giving his quarterly report.

Director Sims reported that the Police Department has worked with the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Narcotics Unit is another arm of the law for Orange residents. Director Sims reported that he has an Orange Police Officer participating in a loan program with a Federal Law Enforcement agency and that it brings resources for investigations and can help with needed equipment for investigations. Director Sims reported that this loan program helps Orange with its staffing needs and equipment which can be used by the Orange Police. Director Sims reported on crime figures from the last quarter.

Director Sims commented that the City needs more Police Officers. The Strike program and the Mayor's Safe Park Initiative will be in force again this summer. Director Sims confirmed for Councilwoman Eason that Police Officers were being used as Crossing Guards while back ground checks were being completed on actual Crossing Guards. Director Sims answered questions from the Council Members. Councilwoman Eason provided suggestions on areas that need extra protection in Orange. Councilwoman Eason directed DPW Director Mayes to have a quote for a clean company to clean the Police Department one time by the next Council meeting.

- **Citywide Copier Assessment**

Council President Williams reported on the processes that the City has for buying and maintaining copiers for various departments and suggested that the Council members take time to write a procedure for purchasing copiers. Most companies now have multiple departments using centralized copiers for each floor, not a copier for each department. The practice of buying multiple copiers for departments must be addressed in this budget.

### **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.

Councilman Marable questioned how Resolution 144-2014 benefits the City of Orange.

Mr. Carl Smith, the City Tax Collector, reported this will allow an electronic outgoing file for real estimate property tax information to be received by a title search firm.

Councilwoman Eason - Resolution 145-2014 - questioned Mr. Mapp on the need for so many supplies from K-Mart. Mr. Mapp commented that he will have the department that ordered the supplies get back to Council.

Councilman Corbitt – Ordinance 12-2014 - commented that the Council had not received the Financial Impact Statement that should have accompanied the ordinance and suggested that the ordinance should not be voted on without that paperwork. A representative from McManimon Scotland and Bowman commented that the information is available from the Valley Research Group but has not been distributed to the Council. Mr. Mayes Director of the DPW commented that there needed to be one more meeting with the Board of Education regarding the City wide impact and then it would be given to the Council. Councilman Corbitt commented that he felt that the ordinance should be tabled until the Financial Impact Statement is received.

**Motion by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Jones-Bell to adjourn the Conference meeting.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Councilmembers: Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Jones-Bell,  
Marable, Council president Williams

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilman Abdul-Rasheed.

**Motion Carries.**

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**Madeline Smith**  
**Deputy Municipal Clerk**

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