

THIS WAS A CONFERENCE 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 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016 AT 7:05P.M.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilman Kerry Coley, East Ward
Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt, At-Large
Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, North Ward (arrived @ 7:06)
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West Ward
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson., South Ward
Councilwoman Donna K. Williams, At-Large (arrived @ 7:21)
Council President April Gaunt-Butler, At-Large

Also Present: Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
James Wolfe Assistant City Attorney
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk,
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director,
John Wade, Acting Police Director
Marty Mayes, Acting Business Administrator
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance (arrived @ 7:06)

Absent: Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer
Kevin Harris, Legislative Research Officer

PLEASE STAND FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE

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 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, 2015, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Dana Rone - Essex County Register

Ms. Rone reported that the Register's Office is doing a road show. They will provide residents of the 22 municipalities' information about the function of the Register's office. Ms. Rone stated that the office of the Register handles all the land transactions for all 22 municipalities'. That would include foreclosures mortgages, liens, discharges, honorable discharge records and deeds. Ms. Rone save a summary of the office. They record around 45,000 transactions monthly. Due to the increase fraud in Essex County she

recommended that residents check on their deeds at 465 Martin Luther King Blvd, Newark. Room 130. Residents should get a certified deed of your home. A certified deed tracks activity on your deed. A certified deed from Ms. Rone's office is only around \$25.00.

Ms. Rone answered questions from the Council.

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 Coley asked about Resolution 107-2016. The Councilman was told that Councilwoman Williams would explain during the meeting once she arrived.

Councilman Johnson questioned why resolutions 99,100,101 102 and 103-2016 had the same verbiage.

Councilman Johnson questioned 109-2016 regarding the Master Plan as it relates to Nishuane.

Director Mayes stated that the Master Plan will be undergoing an update and it will be Nishuane group that will do that. Director Mayes stated that with the Nishuane group they were getting 4 or 5 people to work on projects rather than one city hired Planner.

Director Mayes answered other questions by Council Members.

Mr. Mapp came to the podium and explained the eighty thousand that is being financed in 2016 and the additional forty thousand in 2017 for the Nishuane Group.

Ms. Cooper explained that the Nishuane Group's contract had expired in May, so they have been providing services. Councilwoman Williams stated that the Nishuane Group had come before the Council for an extension of funds which had been denied by the Council. So there should have been a break in service. Ms. Cooper stated that there was a break in service but the city needed some things done which they did last week. It was determined that the Nishuane contract will be modified to read June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017.

Mr. George Williams, representing the Nishuane Group came to the podium and agreed to the changes to the contract. Mr. Williams spoke about some of the responsibilities of Nishuane for the city. Mr. Williams commented on current and former municipalities that they have worked for. Mr. Williams stated that the Group would come to the Council with a draft of the Master Plan. Director Mayes stated that the Nishuane group would not have any dealings with the new Rec Center. Mr. Williams answered questions from the Council Members. When asked Director Mayes stated that the future planning for the new Rec Center would be handled by himself and Ms. Cooper.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 7:57 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

April Gaunt-Butler
Council President