

THIS IS 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 TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015 AT 7:05 PM.

Roll Call:

Present:

Councilman Kerry J. Coley, East Ward
Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt, At-Large
Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, North Ward)
Councilwoman April Gaunt-Butler, At-Large
Councilman Harold J. Johnson, Jr., West Ward
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson South Ward
Council President Donna K. Williams At-Large – Arrived at 8:00 PM

Also present:

Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Dan S. Smith, City Attorney
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer
Kevin D. Harris, Legislative Research Officer
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director
John Wade, Acting Police Director
Marty Mays, Administration Representative- Arrived at 7:16 PM
Margarette Homere, Clerk's Office

The City Clerk asked all to stand for a Moment of Silence.

The Clerk announces the following: 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.

Sunshine Law

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 17, 2014, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

Matters for Discussion

Plaques Presentation.

- Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. read the plaque presentation for Anthony "TONY" Monica
- Councilman Elroy Corbitt presented a plaque to Xivandell Emmanuel
- Councilman Coley presented a plaque to Coach Vicki Wright

Galaxy Recycling

Richard Masiodo and Joseph Smentkowski

Councilman Coley and Mr. Masiodo spoke before the Conference regarding garbage collection and problems in the East, South and West Ward. Mr. Masiodo assures the Council that the problem will be fixed. He had a driver that was not doing a great job that he replaced. Councilmember's Eason, Johnson, Jr. and Corbitt all explained what their issues with garbage collection are in their respective wards. Councilwoman Summers-Johnson requested that more than one supervisor follow the trucks.

Mr. Masiodo informed the Council that non-Orange residents are bringing bulk to Orange and as a result Orange bulk tonnage has increased. He also informed the Council that mattresses should be put in plastic bags to avoid beg bug infestation. He further states that the mattresses are being dump from out of town.

Councilman Johnson, Jr. states that the City of Orange is not satisfied with the service of Galaxy Recycling.

Councilman Coley requested that Galaxy come back before the Municipal Council in 90 days.

Saint Michaels Hospital Newark

Dave Richie, President and CEO

Mr. Richie informs the Council of what is going on with the hospital. St. Michaels signed a purchase agreement two years ago to be acquired by Prime Health Care. The State has authorized Navigate, a consulting firm to do a health care assessment in the area included East Orange and Newark. Navigate recommendations was to turn East Orange, Beth Israel and Saint Michaels will be converted into ambulatory centers and all inpatient services be removed. Mr. Richie states that if this was to occur that he could assure that Saint Michaels Hospital would close. This would leave Essex County with only Barnabus Health as the provider of Hospital service and in Newark University Hospital would be the provider for inpatient acute care.

Councilwoman Eason asked what the Orange Municipal Council can do to help. Mr. Richie asked that the Council pass a resolution in support of Saint Michaels remaining open. City of Newark, Harrison and the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders have all passed a supporting resolution. Which they will in turn forward the supporting resolutions to the State.

Moving the Agenda forward

Council President Williams ask if there are any items listed on tonight agenda that the Council wishes to discuss.

- Councilman Corbitt Resolution 168-2015. Making application to the Local Finance Board. What is the purpose of the resolution?
 - o Mr. Mapp – We now have issue with the CAP and we will need a waiver to use the surplus to deal with the increased CAP.
 - o Councilman Corbitt – What is the current surplus?
 - o Mr. Mapp response roughly \$600,000
 - o Mr. Mapp – the application has to be in by tomorrow.

- Councilman Johnson, Jr. – Resolution 166-2015 – Waive interest of property taxes – Amnesty. Whose idea is this?
 - o Mr. Mapp – It is an incentive to encourage residents to come in and pay their back taxes.
 - o Councilman Johnson, Jr. – Was this done last year?
 - o Mr. Mapp – yes same time frame last year.

Motion to Adjourn

Council President Williams entertained a Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Corbitt, Second by Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson,
Williams

Nays: None

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carries.

Adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

Approved:

JOYCE L. LANIER

DONNA K. WILLIAMS

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Donna K. Williams
Council President

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