

**CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP  
CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES  
June 17, 2014**

A Conference Meeting of the City Council of the City of Orange Township was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 7:12 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Hon. Elroy A. Corbitt (At-Large)  
Hon. Tency A. Eason (North Ward)  
Hon. April Gaunt-Butler (At-Large) Arrived at 7:25  
Hon. Linda Jones-Bell (East-Ward)  
Hon. Edward B. Marable Jr. (South Ward)  
Hon. Donna K. Williams (At-Large)

**ALSO PRESENT**

Madeline F. Smith, Deputy Mun. Clerk  
Ms. Calderon-Arnold, City Attorney's Office  
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance  
Mr. Townes, Legislative Research Officer  
Margaret Homere, Clerk's Office  
Mr. Marty Mayes, Representing Administration  
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson

**ABSENT**

Hon. Hassan Abdul-Rasheed (West-Ward)  
Hon. Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., Mayor  
Dan S. Smith, City Attorney  
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer  
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 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, 2013, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

- A plaque presentation was done by Councilwoman Williams to the family of the Late Isaac Douglas Lewis acknowledging his life and achievements.
- Plaques presentation was done by Councilman Corbitt to two Orange High School students. One Xivandell Emmanuel for being the second place winner and the other to Danelle Welcome for being

the first place winner in the Local Talk Community Foundation Public Speaking Scholarship Contest.

- A presentation was made by Superintendent Ronald Lee about the current state of Orange. He thanked the Council for recognizing the talent Orange has, also he addressed the grade hacking situation that occurred at Orange High School and he acknowledges the achievements and accomplishments of the schools in the district.
- A presentation was made by Myra Burks-Davis-President-MBD Strategies, LLC where she stated that she will work with the council to expose the positivity that is going on in Orange and that there is a flood of information coming in but no structure to get it out. She also stated how we create an infrastructure that will allow the information that the council wants to get out to the constituents. The solution she has is technology driven; that will have the sense of a newsletter website.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- Councilman Marable questioned the contract of service of Ronald Lee and stated that it should be extended.
- Councilwoman Jones-Bell complemented Superintendent Ronald Lee on a job well done.
- Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler complemented Superintendent Ronald Lee on what he has done and the direction he is moving Orange in.
- Councilman Corbitt stated that Superintendent Ronald Lee is doing a commendable job.
- Councilwoman Williams echoes the comments of her Councilmembers with regards to Superintendent Lee.
- Councilwoman Eason questioned how much control does Myra Burks-Davis have over the PR than the council?
- Councilman Corbitt asked Myra Burks Davis if she is a consultant under contract and request that the council be recognized more. Myra Burks Davis responded saying she believes she is under contract and that she didn't have to sign anything but a purchase order.
- Councilman Williams gave Myra Burks Davis advice on how to deliver a report to the public.

### **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:**

Regarding Resolution 154-2014, **a resolution rejecting the bids for the janitorial services for City Hall & Polhill Law and Justice Complex**; Councilwoman Eason questioned the sanitary conditions and state of the Police Department. Director Mayes stated that they were in search of a janitorial service but due to the budget problem, they were not able to find one. `

Regarding Resolution 157-2014, a resolution appointing Betty McLeod from Orange, New Jersey as a Commissioner of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey for a term of five (5) years; Councilwoman Jones-Bell stated how vital Betty McLeod will be as Commissioner.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Corbitt. It was seconded by Councilwoman Jones-Bell.

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes: Corbitt, Eason, Marable, Jones-Bell, Gaunt-Butler, Williams**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**Absent: Abdul-Rasheed**

**Motion Carries**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

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

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