

THE CITY CLERK ANNOUNCED 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 20, 2017 AT 7:07 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilman Kerry J. Coley (East-Ward)
Councilwoman Tency A. Eason (North-Ward)
Councilman. Christopher Jackson (At-Large)
Councilman Harold J. Johnson, Jr., (West-Ward)
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson (South Ward)
Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten (At-Large)
Councilwoman Donna K. Williams, (At-Large) (Arrived @ 7:16 P.M.)
Council President

ALSO PRESENT: Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Christopher Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Eric S. Pennington, City Attorney
Kenneth Douglass, Fire Director
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance – (Arrived @ 7:34 P.M.)
Sergeant Hector Rosaro, Police Department Representative
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer – (Arrived @ 7:16 P.M.)
Marlin G. Townes, Acting Legislative Research Officer
Margarette Homere, Sr. Clerk, Clerk's Office
Trisha Scipio, Clerk's Office

ABSENT: Marty Mayes, Planning/Public Works Director
Todd Warren, Police Director

THE CITY CLERK ASKED ALL TO PLEASE STAND FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE

THE CITY CLERK STATED: 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 announced 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, 2016 posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

- **Plaque presentation for Gordon Roberts, Jr.** – The plaque presentation to Mr. Gordon Roberts, Jr. was read by Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten. Mr. Roberts had short comments before hearing from each a Councilperson and Attorney Eric S. Pennington. Council President Donna Williams then directed Mr. Gordon, his family and Council members to come to the podium for a photograph.

Council Vice-President Kerry Coley took over while Council President Donna Williams stepped out of the room for a moment.

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.

City Clerk, Joyce Lanier asked if there were any Ordinances or Resolutions that Council Members wanted to list for discussion

Resolution 221-2017 - Councilwoman Tency Eason asked who's idea was it to bring this back as this looks to be a resolution that would come at a heavy price, in funds and have an adverse effect on our children. She asked for the rest of Council to stand behind her and vote this down because one impact would be our schools moving from Title I to Title II. She states no one will answer the questions on the ramifications.

Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. appreciates Councilwoman Eason's remarks but wants to hear from City Attorney Eric S. Pennington and Business Administration Chris Hartwyk before definitively shooting it down or voting on this resolution, he seeks clarification and has stated he is on the same page with Councilwoman Eason when it concerns getting clarity and understanding the ramifications which no one was addressing clearly.

Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk stated this would be in November. He made himself available for specific questions and stated bids are being accepted for the bonds. The \$2 million will remain in place.

Councilman Kerry Coley asked would it negatively affect the school board being funding and bonds already in place. He feels Council should table this until we they hear from the Bond Counsel.

City Attorney Eric Pennington stated his office was not consulted with respect to content of the question, but consulted on whether or not the question going on the ballot legal. He has changed his opinion but will not speak about it in open session

Councilman Christopher Jackson states this issue has come more than once and the public should be given what they want in regards to an elected board.

Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten asked if the Legislative Research Officer did he draft this resolution. He replied no.

Councilwoman Jaime Summers-Johnson stated she was not touching this because the Legislative Research Officer did not draft, the City Attorney was not consulted nor is he comfortable in speaking about this in open session.

Council President Donna Williams stated there will be no effect on the bond under this vote. After she consulted Robert Tarver who represents Council in this case, he has advised the urgency.

Resolution 224-2017 was also lifted by Councilwoman Eason, who inquired if this would improve the heating, and how would it impact the heating.

Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten asked how old is the boiler is that we are replacing. Who will be responsible for the maintenance?

Business Administrator, Chris Hartwyk stated the building needs two boilers and they were taking the road of energy saving. He doesn't know how old the boiler is and the city would be responsible for the maintenance.

Ordinance 41-2017 Councilman Kerry Coley stated this should be tabled until Council can discuss paragraph 24-3. He would requests "civil" and "criminal" should be separate.

Council President Donna Williams asked if the Business Administrator if had any issues with holding this to July meeting and he and City Attorney, Eric Pennington agreed as long as questions were asked before that meeting to have the verbiage clarified or fixed. The issue is with the word "shall."

Councilwoman Eason asked Attorney Eric Pennington for clarity in laymen's terms. Councilman Jackson wanted clarity on the exceptions and the wording Employee vs Appointed (24-7). Councilman Johnson, Jr. had issue with paragraph 24-3b. Attorney Eric Pennington spoke to the liability and also assured all Council Members that he is available for clarity and always returns calls within 24 hours.

Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk and Attorney Eric Pennington explained the liability, statue of limitations and indemnification for elected officials, employees, former employees, and appointees.

Ordinance 34-2017 Councilman Christopher Jackson wants clarification on paragraph 3, "deemed unqualified", and can a footnote be added in the next paragraph. Attorney Eric Pennington explained this means they do not meet the qualifications as a resident and they would lose their job. The Business Administrator, Chris Hartwyk suggested instead of a footnote, list all citation otherwise it would make the ordinance out of date

Ordinance 35-2017 Councilman Christopher Jackson wanted paragraph A amended (no mention for tax abatements) so Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk will hold this back for next meeting to make the amendments.

Ordinance 36- 2017 – Council President Donna Williams spoke to Union President and this needs to be held until Union President returns

Ordinance 38-2017 – Councilman Christopher Jackson wanted clarification on the last three pages that seem to include 41-2017. This was an error and not applicable to the Ordinance

Resolution 216-2017 Councilman Christopher Jackson inquired if there plans for the use of this grant. Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk said there are several, and clean-up and shredding day coming this weekend is one of them. Council President Donna Williams asked that in future the items are listed as to where the funds are going

Resolution 219-2017 Councilman Christopher Jackson would like clarification for Grant/Funding. Is it in our best interest to allow county to have control I this matter. Councilwoman Eason asked if the item for homeless shelters, is for the entire county and the Business Administrator Chris Hartwyk spoke to the qualifications and confirmed it was for the entire county.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION: Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson
Adrienne Wooten

SECOND: Councilwoman

ADJOURNMENT: 8:47PM

APPROVED:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Kerry J. Coley
Council President