

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, JULY 1, 2015 AT 5:20 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilman Kerry Coley, East Ward
Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt, At-Large (arrived @ 5:23)
Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West Ward
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson., South Ward
Councilwoman Donna K. Williams, At-Large (arrived @ 5:23)
Council President April Gaunt-Butler, At-Large

Also Present: Mayor, Dwayne D. Warren, Esq
City Clerk, Joyce L. Lanier
Deputy City Clerk, Madeline Smith
Senior Clerk, Margarett Homere
Office Assistant, Tia Thomas
Finance Director, Adrian Mapp
City Attorney, Dan Smith
Legislative Research Officer, Kevin Harris (arrived @ 7:55)
Fire Director, Kenneth Douglas
Acting Police Director, John Wade
Chief Financial Officer, Joy Lascari (arrived @ 5:25)

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 City Clerk announces that the requirement of N.J. S.A. 10:4-9 et. Seq., “The Sunshine Law” has been met. A notice of this meeting was sent to the *Star Ledger* and published in *the Record-Transcript* on June 25, 2015, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Plaque Presentation

Councilwoman Eason presented a plaque to the City’s Animal Control Officer, Mr. Rudy Giordano, for his long, faithful years of service to the City and its residents.
Councilmembers thanked Mr. Giordano for his service.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Chair made the following statement.

If any Council Member wishes to discuss any resolution or ordinance, it may be discussed at this time.

- Councilman Coley - Resolution 179 - Why are we paying for a city planner when we have a city planner on staff. Mr. Mayes, the Director of DPW, stated that there is city planning work

which needs to be accomplished and the current City Planner has taken on the duties of the retired Zoning Officer, Mr. Webb. Councilman Coley suggested that they give the City Planner a 5 day work week instead of a 3 day work week. Mr. Mayes wanted to add another position in Code Enforcement, he does not believe that the City Planner should also be the Zoning Officer. Councilwoman Eason had Mr. Mayes restate what the contracted City Planners would be working on. Councilwoman Eason stated that the City needs a Zoning Officer that goes to the sites and inspects them.

- Councilwoman Williams asked if a report of recent work by that contractor had been submitted to the administration. Mr. Mayes, the Director of DPW, stated it had and he would send it to the Council Members or they could pickup a copy in the Clerk's office. She suggested tableing the resolution.
- Councilman Coley stated that there should be better communication between Council Members and Mr. Mayes. The Councilman visits DPW regularly and this contract and resolution should have been discussed with him so time was not wasted at Council meetings asking questions.
- Mr. Mayes stated that the agendas are given out in advance and he speaks to Council Members regularly but rarely are there questions by the Council Members on items that are on the agenda.
- Councilman Coley suggested that the Resolution be tabled for review of the contract.
- Councilwoman Williams – Resolution 181 – Questioned outstanding checks on the resolution.
- Mr. Mapp stated that the checks are over 6 months old and he would have the CFO provide the Council with any questions they have.
- Councilman Corbit – Ordinance 39-2015 – Stated that the ordinance provides sick leave for workers of the City and asked for Council's opinion on the measure. He also stated that he would request that the ordinance be pulled until a later time for a few revisions.
- Councilman Johnson commented on resolution 179-2015 stating that a large part of the development runs through the West Ward and there was no effort to have the residents understand what the development entailed. He suggested that the resolution be tabled.
- Councilwoman Eason – Resolution 183-2015 stated that there is a new resolution to replace the Policemen off duty assignments and stated the reasons for the changes. The Resolution would be a walk-on resolution.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 5:55 P.M.

JOYCE L. LANIER

APRIL GAUNT-BUTLER

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

April Gaunt-Butler
Council President

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