

THIS WAS A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 29, NORTH DAY STREET, ORANGE, NEW JERSEY, ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2015, AT 5:57 P.M.

The Chair led all assembled in a Salute to the American Flag.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilman Kerry Coley, East Ward
Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt, At-Large
Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West Ward
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson., South Ward
Councilwoman Donna K. Williams, At-Large (Left meeting @ 6:30 P.M.)
Council President April Gaunt-Butler, At-Large

Also Present: City Clerk, Joyce L. Lanier
Deputy Clerk, Madeline Smith
Senior Clerk, Margarett Homere
Clerk's Office, Tia Thomas
Finance Director, Adrian Mapp
City Attorney, Dan Smith
Legislative Research Officer, Kevin Harris (arrived @ 7:55)
Administration Representative, Marty Mayes
Chief Financial Officer, Joy Lascari

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 June 25, 2015, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MEETINGS

June 3, 2015- Conference & regular Meeting (TABLED 6-3-2015 MEETING)

Motion by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to remove the June 3, 2015 minutes from the table.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr.,
Summers-Johnson, Williams, Gaunt-Butler
Nays: None
Abstain:
Absent:

Motion Carries.

It was reported that the Conference minutes did not reflect Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler being absent.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason, to adopt June 3, 2015 minutes as amended.

The Hon. Gaunt-Butler cannot vote, because she was not present.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carries.

June 16, 2015- Conference & regular Meeting.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to adopt June 16, 2015 minutes.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion Carries.

REPORTS:

CONSTABLE REPORTS-

The City Clerk reported the following. Darnell Brodie- Month of May-2015-No activity

OPRA REQUESTS

The City Clerk reported that there were no OPRA reports.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Councilwoman Williams reported that depending upon the outcome of the Local Finance Board meeting there may be a need for a special meeting in July. Councilwoman Williams reported that she had to leave the meeting at 6:30 that evening.
- Councilwoman Eason reported that there would have to be two meetings in July, one for the budget amendments and one for the passage of the budget.
- Councilwoman Summer-Johnson reported that she did not get the information from the Library that she had asked for and she was still waiting.
- Fire Director Douglas reported on the Fire Safety Campaign for the summer. The Fire Dept is looking for applicants for the Fire Department. Director Douglas reported on other activities of the Fire Department. Director Douglas answered questions from the Council Members.

- Councilwoman Williams asked the Mayor to have an ordinance for the Organizational Chart submitted for review by the Council.
- Acting Police Director Wade reported that the Orange Task Force along with other Task Force are working together to stop crime in Orange and the neighboring towns. The Director answered questions from the Council.

The City Clerk reported that there were no communications or petitions.

The City Clerk made the following statement:

“Pursuant to section 4-10 of the Code of the City of Orange Township, each person addressing the Council shall step up to the microphone, shall give his or her name in an audible tone for the record, and unless further time is granted by the presiding officer, shall limit his or her address to (10) minutes. The public is expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner, any derogatory, abusive or threatening statements will not be permitted. The Chair will immediately rule such conduct out of order and terminate any further comments.”

The following residents and business owners made comments.

- Mr. Jeffrey Feld commented on upcoming court dates where his arguments would be heard against the City also commented on resolutions that had typos and items that he would be reporting to the Local Finance Board when they had their hearing.
- Ms. Jackson reported on the noise pollution that takes place in her neighborhood around Elm St. Residents play loud music all summer and into the late night even after the Police have come to their houses.
- Ms. McPherson of Elm St. also commented on the loud music that is affecting her quality of life.
- Ms. Katalin Gordon made comments regarding the Sunshine Law. Ms. Gordon spoke about the vacant and abandon properties ordinance.
- Ms. Laressa Bradshaw spoke about the need for a cost analysis of the YWCA, and listed the lost revenue by the city. Ms. Bradshaw commented that unless the violence stops in Orange the Transit Village won't bring in any revenue.
- Ms. Kimble reported that she was representing the residents of Watchung Avenue. Ms. Kimble had a petition which requested that certain areas of Watchung Avenue be made residential parking only. This would prevent the patrons of Castaways from parking in driveways and taking up all the parking spaces on the streets. The patrons throw garbage on private property and fight in the streets. Ms. Kimble also spoke about the hazard to children and residents of that area and the rudeness of the patrons.
- Mr. Black of Watchung Avenue also reported on issues he had with Castaway patrons and suggested new parking hours for that area. Ms. Eason addressed some of the issues that were brought up and reported on some ideas that would work for everyone in the area including the establishment Castaways.

Motion by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Eason, to close the citizen comments.

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Responses to some questions and concerns.

- Question regarding Resolution 188-2015 interest. Mr. Mapp could not answer questions regarding resolution 188-2015. It was determined that it would be discussed when the resolution was walked on.
- Council President Gaunt-Butler referred to the YWCA \$100,000.00 payment and asked if it could be clarified that it was a 'lease with the option to buy'.
- Attorney Smith commented that the resolution that was passed had the statement that it was a lease with the option to buy. Attorney Smith continued his comments by recounting all the inaccurate statements that had been made by Mr. Feld currently and in the past.
- The Council President requested that Acting Police Director Wade comment on the issues of noise pollution within the city. Acting Director Wade provided information on what the Police department was doing and will do regarding the issues which included the problems with Watchung Ave.
- Mr. Mayes, Director of DPW, answered questions regarding abandoned properties and the ordinance for abandoned properties that were on the agenda. Mr. Mayes reported on the current personnel that would be working on abandoned properties. Mr. Mayes gave an update on 240 Lincoln Ave.
- Ms. Cooper, the City Chief of Staff reported that Mr. Mobley had taken on the responsibility of the parking meters and that 420 parking meters needed to be replaced, the project is going out to bid and she hopes to have a request to the Council by August. Ms. Cooper also reported that the cost benefit analysis for the YWCA is still being worked on and most information will be available in August.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented that she was upset to hear about the issues that Watchung Avenue was having and was glad that it was brought to the Council's attention. A life guard had passed away this summer and there would be a Lisa Watts Day at all the pools in July.
- Councilwoman Eason asked that 197-199 N. Day St area be maintained by DPW. Councilwoman Eason asked Mr. Mayes, the Director of DPW, about the legislation for the Tax Liens regarding the cleaning up of abandoned properties. Mr. Mayes reported it was still being worked on. Councilwoman Eason gave her opinion on the fines that the city proposed for abandoned property owners stating it was too large.
- Councilman Johnson, Jr. thanked the citizens for coming to the meeting. Councilman Johnson requested that the Council support the ordinances 35 and 36 2015.
- Councilman Coley thanked the CBAC for all their hard work on the budget. He commented that those that were sentenced to Community Service could be taking care of the abandoned lots in the City. Councilman Coley asked for an update on Reock St and Hickory St issues. Mr. Mayes reported that the issues were being worked on. Councilman Coley reported that in the past the loud music on Elm Street had been handled by issuing a ticket and once the Police were called back to an address the second time the Police removed the amplifier from the premise. Coley asked about the money the City received on the tax liens. Mr. Smith, the City Attorney, commented that the information would have to be discussed in Executive session.
- Councilman Corbitt met with the Engineer and Mr. Mayes regarding Watchung Ave to determine which signs could be posted which will help to correct the issues there. Councilman Corbitt commented on Black on Black crime and how the County does not get upset with it; then

commented that some good legislation needed to be passed. Councilman Corbitt stated that we need to take back our streets. Councilman Corbitt will speak to the Mayor about having more Directors come to the Council meetings so there can be more cooperation. On July 13th a meeting and presentation will be given at St Matthews with utility and trash vendors along with the Board of Education and the Orange Housing Authority. All residents are urged to come to that meeting.

- Councilwoman Eason commended the Superintendent of Schools and the School District for getting off the list of schools that need improvement. The Councilwoman also noted that the Administration needs to be more responsive. Calls and questions go unanswered for two to three day because no one is there to respond to the Council’s request and questions.
- The Council President thanked the residents for coming to the meeting and thanked the other Council Members for electing her President. She stated that she plans to work with the Administration. The Council President asked that the Council representatives and Liaisons to write their reports and have copies for the residents.
- Attorney Smith gave the reasons why Executive Sessions need to take place at times.

ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE POSTPONED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

24-2015 An ordinance creating the City of Orange Township Arts & Culture Commission and to further provide for membership, tasks and responsibilities, other administrative functions and other general provisions. (Sponsored by: Council Member April Gaunt-Butler)

The Clerk read Ordinance 24-2015by Title.

Council President Gaunt-Butler asked that Ordinance 24-2015 be postponed.
Councilman Corbitt asked that Ordinance 39-2015 be postponed.

The Clerk read Ordinance 33-2015by Title.

33-2015 An ordinance adopting amendments to the Central Orange Redevelopment Plan.

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 33-2015.

- Mr. Jeffrey Feld recommended that the plan be sent back to the Planning Board.
- Mr. Donald Meisel, the City Planner, commented that there was a public hearing on the redevelopment plan and the plan was endorsed by the Planning Board. The plan was adjusted after that meeting only to remove micro housing from the plan.
- Seeing no one else, the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr. to close the public hearing.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, to adopt Ordinance Number 33-2015.

Councilwoman Eason asked Mr. Meisel if there were any changes to the plan, would the plan have to come back to the Planning Board and Mr. Meisel stated that it would.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Council President Gaunt-Butler.

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Williams

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Ordinance 34-2015 by Title.

34-2015 A ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles & Traffic", Section 200-10.2 Residential Parking Permit.

The Clerk declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 34-2015. Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 34-2015 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Council President Gaunt-Butler.

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Williams

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Ordinance 35-2015 by Title.

35-2015 An ordinance repealing Chapter 156, Article XVIII of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitled abandoned property.

The Clerk declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 35-2015. Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr., to adopt Ordinance 35-2015.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Council President Gaunt-Butler.
Nays:
Abstain:
Absent: Williams

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Ordinance 36-2015 by Title.

36-2015 An ordinance amending Chapter 156, Article XXI of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitled Vacant Properties, Registration.

The Clerk declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 36-2015.

Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 36-2015 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Council President Gaunt-Butler.
Nays:
Abstain:
Absent: Williams

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Ordinance 37-2015 by Title.

37-2015 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township authorizing the execution of a financial agreement with Oakwood Towers Urban Renewal, LLC, granting a tax exemption for Oakwood Towers.

The Clerk declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 37-2015.

Mr. Jeffery Feld commented this was a hybrid transaction. The seller agreed to the long term tax law. There was no land tax credit in the transaction. What payments will the City get? Mr. Feld

commented that the Council needed to look at the code and get answers. Is the City leaving money on the table? Did the tax assessor look at this agreement before he left the City? What is the minimum payment that the City will receive? Mr. Feld continued with other questions that the Council should be asking.

The Attorney for Oakwood Towers (400 Oakwood) came to the podium and stated that he would answers any questions and stated that the project will increase the quality of life for the current residents. The project will make major improvements to the apartments and there should be no issues. The Attorney stated that once things are settled there will be hearings with the residents and the Council Members.

Ms. Katalin Gordon commented that the tax abatement had been given for many years and there should be a point when the City stops the tax abatements and start getting tax revenue from the building.

Seeing no one else, the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Corbitt.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 37-2015 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Council President Gaunt-Butler.

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Williams

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Ordinance 38-2015 by Title.

38-2015 An ordinance amending Chapter 138 of the municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitled noise.

The Clerk declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 38-2015.

Mr. William Hathaway commented that the ordinance should be amended to 9:00 P.M. not 10:00 P.M.

Seeing no one else, the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 38-2015 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

- **Councilwoman Eason recommended that the Ordinance be changed to 9:00 P.M.**

Motion to amend the Ordinance to read 9:00 P.M. by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Corbitt.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Council President Gaunt-Butler.

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Williams

Motion Carries.

Roll Call to adopt:

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Council President Gaunt-Butler.

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Williams

Motion Carries.

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

Motion to suspend the rules for a walk-on by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, Ordinance.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Council President Gaunt-Butler.

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Williams

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Ordinance 40-2015 by Title.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26-6.1 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP ENTITLED CONTRACTED OFF DUTY EMPLOYMENT OF POLICE OFFICERS

Motion to adopt Ordinance 40-2015 with a Public Hearing on August 5, 2015 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Council President Gaunt-Butler.

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Williams

Motion Carries.

39-2015 (Postponed)

An ordinance to add a new section to the Code of the City of Orange Township Chapter 150, entitled "Peace & Good Order" to promote the overall health and safety of the residents and workers within the City of Orange Township by reducing the spread of

communicable disease and contagion by requiring a policy of paid sick leave for workers in the City of Orange Township (Sponsored by: Council Member Elroy A. Corbitt and the Orange City Council)

Consent Agenda

The City Clerk read the following statement.

All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so request, in which event, the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence of the agenda.

Motion to suspend the rules for walk-on resolutions by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

- Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Council President Gaunt-Butler.
- Nays:
- Abstain:
- Absent: Williams

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Resolution 186-2015 , 187-2015, 188-2015 and 189-2015 by Title which was added to the consent agenda

RESOLUTIONS NO. *172-2015*189-2015

- *172-2015 A resolution rejecting the bids to furnish and install the Public Works Salt Dome.**
- *173-2015 A resolution in support of St. Michael’s Medical Center remaining open as a full-service hospital care provider (Sponsored by the Orange City Council as a whole)**
- *174-2015 A resolution authorizing the awarding of an agreement to Foley Incorporated, 855 Centennial Avenue, Piscataway, New Jersey 08855 for the preventative maintenance services for the generator located at the Freddie Polhill Law and Justice Complex, 25-29 Park Street, Orange, New Jersey 07050 commencing August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016 in the amount not to exceed \$3,557.34. (removed for a separate vote)**
- *175-2015 A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Pennoni Associates, Inc., 105 Fieldcrest Avenue, Suite 52, Edison, New Jersey 08837 to provide professional engineering, surveying, design and construction administration services for the 2015 NJDOT roadway improvements to Berryman Place (between Alden Pl. & Bradford St.) and Ridge Street (between White St. & Main St.) in the amount not to exceed \$34,700.00.**
- *176-2015 A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Maser Consulting, P.A, 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mount Arlington, New Jersey 07856 to provide engineering evaluation, design and construction administration services for**

- the New Jersey Transit Station at Highland Avenue in the amount not to exceed \$59,900.00.**
- *177-2015** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract between the City of Orange Township and Joseph Hamilton Construction, 86 Porete Avenue, North Arlington, New Jersey 07031 for the demolition of 240 Lincoln Avenue – Field House, in the amount not to exceed \$36,357.00.
- *178-2015** A resolution for emergency temporary appropriations to the calendar year 2015 budget for the month of July. **(removed for a separate vote)**
- *179-2015** A resolution authorizing the award of a fair and open contract with Nishuane Group, LLC, 105 Grove Street, Ste. 1, Montclair, NJ 07042 to provide professional planning services in the amount not to exceed \$150,000.00. **(removed for a separate vote)**
- *180-2015** A resolution to authorize the Mayor or his designee at the Orange Police Department to apply for and accept the Community Policing Development (CHP) Grant.
- *181-2015** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of outstanding checks.
- *182-2015** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on July 1, 2015 dated June 26, 2015 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 3,048,788.23) **(removed for separate vote)**
- *183-2015** A resolution rescinding Resolution #165-2015 adopted June 3, 2015 amending the rate of compensation for contracting the services of off-duty municipal law enforcement officers.
- *184-2015** A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 to modify the contract for the project known as the High & Alden Street Park Irrigation System in the amount not to exceed \$6,500.00.
- *185-2015** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township Planning Board to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of determining whether 751 Vose Avenue (Block 7004, Lot 4) qualifies as a non-condemnation redevelopment area or a non-residential redevelopment area.
- *186-2015** A resolution appointing Brandon Jones, a resident of Orange, New Jersey as Commissioner to the Municipal Alcohol Beverage Control Board to fulfill the remaining time of a three year term commencing on July 1, 2015 and expiring on September 30, 2017.
- *187-2015** A resolution celebrating the life of Lorraine M. (Cook) Bryan
Offered by Council Member: Council Member Donna K. Williams & the Orange City Council.

- *188-2015** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to pay settlement in the amount of \$183,235.71 to the outside lien holder, SASS Muni VI LLC, for property known as 546 Mitchell St., block 4001, Lot 006.
- *189-2015** A resolution of the City of Orange Township authorizing the waiver for the 20-day period set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181 in connection with the execution of a Financial agreement with Oakwood Towers Urban Renewal, LLC granting a tax exemption for Oakwood Towers.

Motion to adopt the consent agenda as amended by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnsons.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Council President Gaunt-Butler.
Nays:
Abstain:
Absent: Williams

Motion Carries.

Resolutions Removed from Consent Agenda.

The Clerk reads Resolution 174-2015 by title.

- 174-2015** A resolution authorizing the awarding of an agreement to Foley Incorporated, 855 Centennial Avenue, Piscataway, New Jersey 08855 for the preventative maintenance services for the generator located at the Freddie Polhill Law and Justice Complex, 25-29 Park Street, Orange, New Jersey 07050 commencing August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016 in the amount not to exceed \$3,557.34.

Motion to approve Resolution 174-2015 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Summers-Johnson & Council President Gaunt-Butler.
Nays:
Abstain: Johnson, Jr.,
Absent: Williams

Motion Carries.

The Clerk reads Resolution 178-2015 by title.

- 178-2015** A resolution for emergency temporary appropriations to the calendar year 2015 budget for the month of July.

Motion to approve Resolution 178-2015 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

The Clerk reads Resolution 179-2015 by title.

179-2015 A resolution authorizing the award of a fair and open contract with Nishuane Group, LLC, 105 Grove Street, Ste. 1, Montclair, NJ 07042 to provide professional planning services in the amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.

Motion to approve Resolution 179-2015 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Corbitt, Eason, Summers-Johnson & Council President Gaunt-Butler
Nays: Coley, Johnson, Jr.
Abstain:
Absent: Williams

Motion Carries.

The Clerk reads Resolution 182-2015 by title.

182-2015 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on July 1, 2015 dated June 26, 2015 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 3,048,788.23)

Motion to approve Resolution 182-2015 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

The Clerk reads Resolution 188-2015 by title.

188-2015 A resolution authorizing the tax collector to pay a settlement in the amount of \$183,235.71 to the outside lien holder, Sass Muni VI LLC, for property known as 546 Michell St. Block 4001, Lot 006.

Motion to approve Resolution 188-2015 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Summers-Johnson & Council President Gaunt-Butler

Nays: Johnson, Jr.

Abstain:

Absent: Williams

Motion Carries.

Motion to Recess:

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Council President Gaunt-Butler.

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Williams

Motion Carries.

Motion for Executive Session

Motion to approved Resolution 189-2015 to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Council President Gaunt-Butler.

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Williams

Motion Carries.

Motion to Reconvene

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Council President Gaunt-Butler.

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Williams

Motion Carries

NEW BUSINESS

The Chair stated that there would be special meetings on July 14 and 21 for the budget.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 9:43 P.M

JOYCE L. LANIER

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

APRIL GAUNT-BUTLER

April Gaunt-Butler
Council President

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