

THIS WAS 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 AUGUST 5, 2015 AT 7:00PM.

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

Also Present: City Clerk, Joyce L. Lanier
Deputy Business Administrator, Willis Edwards, III
Finance Director, Adrian Mapp (arrived @ 7:11)
City Attorney, Dan Smith
Senior Clerk, Margarett Homere
Acting Police Director, John Wade
Chief Financial Officer, Joy Lascari (arrived @ 7:11)
Legislative Research Officer, Kevin Harris

Absent: Council President April Gaunt-Butler, At-Large

The City Clerk asked all to stand for 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 (not including public hearings/final adoption of ordinances) or General Issues. If they check Agenda Items or General Issues, they will be allowed to speak for a maximum of five (5) minutes.

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 16, 2015, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no Matters for Discussion.

The Council Vice-President stated the following.

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.

- Councilwoman Williams questioned Ordinance 44-2015. Questioned if the surrounding towns had been surveyed for their charges. Mr. Edwards stated that the City did an analysis of other cities and worked with the Court's Administrator's Office to come to a price that would be consistent with other Municipalities. Councilwoman Williams stated that in the past she had noticed that there were no warnings, just fines being imposed. Mr. Edwards stated that the Code Enforcement Office's intent is to have individuals comply with the warnings and if they do not, then they are fined. Councilwoman Williams requested to see the paperwork of individuals that were given the opportunity to correct the problem. Councilwoman Eason recommended that the ordinance be postponed because it is too vague. She reintegrated what the ordinance was supposed to accomplish. Mr. Edwards, the Deputy Business Administrator, stated that there is a task force that goes to properties and sites the properties.
Councilwoman Eason stated that she has not seen the task force and suggested that the Council review the process. Ordinance 44-2015 was postponed.
- Councilman Johnson, Jr. spoke about Resolution 207-2015. Mr. Edwards, the Deputy Business Administrator reported that some organizations needed to be removed from the ordinance because the City could not accept grants for other organizations. The City will write letters of support but the City is not responsible for the grants so those organizations had to be removed from the resolution. Councilman Johnson, Jr. asked how the City is connected to the YWCA which was also on the ordinance. Mr. Edwards stated that it is connected by the After School Program and the Senior Health and Wellness Program. The City has partnered with the YWCA, a non-profit organization.
- Councilman Coley asked where will the City programs be housed until the City purchases the YWCA building. Mr. Edwards stated that the City has total control over the YWCA building and there are limited programs that are being conducted there as well as school buildings and the library.
- Councilman Johnson, Jr. questioned resolution 208-2015. He needed the backup for the settlement amount.
- City Attorney Dan Smith stated that would have to be discussed in Executive Session.
- Councilman Johnson, Jr. questioned Resolutions 212-2015. Councilman Johnson, Jr. asked Mr. Mapp the Finance Director who responds to the audit questions. Mr. Mapp responded that they are mostly responded to by the Finance Director and the Chief Financial Officer and by other Department Directors if the Finance Director or the CFO do not know the answers.
- Mr. Mapp commented on the responsibilities of the Council regarding the Corrective Action Plan.
- Councilman Johnson, Jr. questioned when the \$100,000.00 for the YWCA had been put on the bill list. Ms. Lascari the Chief Financial Officer stated that it had been on a previous bill list.
- Councilman Coley stated that he was not able to find the amount spent on Easy Pass in the bill list. Mr. Mapp stated that if Easy Pass is used it would be under the department that used it with the vendor name of Easy Pass. Mr. Mapp and Mr. Edwards answered other questions regarding the use of Easy Pass. When questioned about reports from Easy Pass and the GPS system, Mr. Edwards stated that the City could provide the Council the GPS reports for review by the Council. Councilman Corbitt directed Mr. Edwards to provide the Council with the Easy Pass reports along with the GPS reports. Mr. Edwards stated that there was no tracking mechanism with the Easy Pass tag because the tag was passed along from vehicle to vehicle so there was not a way to report on a specific vehicle. The Council Members disagreed.
- Councilwoman Eason stated that there is no reason for the City to have an Easy Pass tag.

Vice- President Corbitt entertained a Motion to Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 7:45 P.M.

Approved:

JOYCE L. LANIER

ELROY A. CORBITT

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Elroy A. Corbitt
Council Vice President

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