

CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 6, 2014

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Orange, Township held in the Council Chambers 4th Floor of City Hall, 29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey, on Wednesday, August 6, 2014.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk, lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call:

Present:

East-Ward Councilman Kerry J. Coley
At-Large Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt
North Ward Councilwoman Tency A. Eason
West Ward Councilman Harold J. Johnson, Jr.
South Ward Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson

Also Present:

Madeline Smith, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Dan S. Smith City Attorney
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance
Kevin D. Harris, Legislative Research Office
Margaret Homere, Clerk's Office
Marty Mayes, Representing Administration

Absent:

At-Large Councilwoman April Gaunt-Butler
At-Large Council President Donna K. Williams

The Deputy 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 17, 2014, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

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 both General Issues and Agenda Items, they will be allowed to speak for ten (10) minutes.

APPROVAL OF MUNUTES OF PERVIOUS MEETINGS

May 20, 2014 – Conference & Regular Council Minutes

Council members Coley, Johnson, Jr., and Summers-Johnson cannot vote because they were not Council members at that time.

MOTION TO ADOPT

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, was later rescinded.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Eason to rescind Councilman Corbitt's initial motion to adopt

MOTION TO TABLE

A Motion was made by Councilman Corbitt until September 2, 2014, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes|: Corbitt, Eason

Nays: none

June 4, 2014 – Conference & Regular Council Minutes

Council members, Coley, Johnson and Summers-Johnson cannot vote, because they were not Council members at that time.

MOTION TO TABLE

A Motion was made by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason until September 2, 2014.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes|: Corbitt, Eason

Nays: none

June 17, 2014 – Conference & Regular Council Minutes

Council members, Coley, Johnson and Summers-Johnson cannot vote, because they were not Council members at that time.

MOTION TO TABEL

A Motion was made by Councilman Corbitt September 2, 2014, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes|: Corbitt, Eason

Nays: none

REPORTS:

Clerk's Office Report

Deputy Clerk Smith reported:

- June 2014 - \$86.00

CONSTABLE REPORTS

- Mohammed Toure-Month of June 2014 – No activity
- Darnell Brodie – Month of June 2014 – No activity

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Corbitt reported that there was nothing from the Police Department at this time. He also stated that the Police Director is schedule to appear at the Council meeting in September to give his quarterly report.

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson stated she had no report from the Library, but that she did meet with the Director and that he gave her a synopsis of their needs.

OPRA REPORTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

None

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

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 ten (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.

Jeffrey Feld, local businessman; 268 Main Orange, NJ wwnj.com website

- Mr. Feld stated that on Friday, August 8, 2014 at 10:30A.M. there would be an open hearing in front of Judge Rotchchild on the Feld 10 and 13 cases. On August 22nd a hearing on Motions in the Feld 11 and 7 cases.
- Mr. Feld stated that there were no discussions tonight on the budget and Cap Bank.
- Mr. Feld commented that the insurance lapsed on the YWCA. A Chapter 11 trustee has been appointed.
- Mr. Feld commented on other items concerning the finance budget.

Pat Arthur, a resident of Orange

- Ms. Arthur stated that she knew Mr. Hassel and he will be greatly missed.
- Ms. Arthur commented on Water Bill that was sent the Board of Education.
- Ms. Arthur stated that she would like the City Council help the District with the water bill issue.

Ken Garrett, Liaison from Essex County

- Here to announce two events for the County and citizens of Orange, NJ. The first, on September 11th Essex Remembers, 13th anniversary ceremony commemorating the anniversary of the 911 tragedy, this will be held at Eagle Rock Reservation in West Orange at 8AM.
- Mr. Garrett stated the second event was presented by the City of Orange and the County of Essex on Wednesday, August 13th at 10:30A.M., the opening for Crosswalks, Pathways, Sidewalk ramps along Oakwood Avenue making it easier and safer for the seniors who resides on Oakwood Avenue to access Mount Irving Park.

William R. Lewis, 688 Mosswood Avenue, Orange, N.J.

- Mr. Lewis reported that the Joyce Carnegie Scholarship Fund had been transferred to the Board of Education. Checks for that Fund can be sent to the Board's Secretary, Mr. Adekule James or Superintendent, Ronald Lee.
- Mr. Lewis stated with the assistance of Dr. Parker over 100 students from Orange High School are participating in programs at NJIT including the National Science Foundation programs dealing with robotic.
- Mr. Lewis stated that the Y was in trouble and no one has said anything about it.
- Mr. Lewis stated that the budget is messed up.

Rachel Bland, 329 Highland Avenue, Orange, NJ

- Ms. Bland stated that she is the community school coordinator at the Oakwood Avenue School and a member of the Board at the University of Orange and was joined by her fellow members.
- Ms. Bland shared information about the project, The Hidden Treasures of Orange where worked with middle school students at Scholars Academy. They went on tours, interviewed people and wrote about their experiences with Orange to create a book called "Our Orange the Discovery of Our Past" for third graders to learn about the history of Orange and the history of New Jersey.
- Ms. Bland stated that she would like help from the City Council in getting more stores to record and collecting the history of Orange.

Darlene Samples 92 park street, Orange, NJ,

- Ms. Samples reported there is a very large and dangerous stump at the corner of Hickory Street and Central Avenue that needs to be removed. She stated that she hit her foot very hard on the stump while getting off a bus at night.

Jewel Jones, 631 Valley Street, Orange, NJ

- Ms. Jones stated that she and her husband are home owners.
- Ms. Jones stated that she is having an issue with foreclosed and abandoned homes on her block with lots that are not kept.
- Ms. Jones stated that she would like to know the protocol for the upkeep of these properties
- Ms. Jones stated she would like more information on zoning for her area.
- Ms. Jones stated that she never got notice about the construction that went on in front of her home the entire night until 8am. She wanted to know about protocol on construction notice to residents.
- Mr. Mayes stated he will follow up with her on the items.

Katlalin Gordon, 211 Park Place, Orange, NJ

- Ms. Gordon expressed condolence to Councilwoman Eason loss of her husband.
- Ms. Gordon welcomed the new Council members.
- Ms. Gordon commented on Ordinance 16-2014 transfer of city property of 162 Central Place to Larmont Bryant. She wanted the value of the property based on last year's revalue process and if the Ordinance stated that the property size prevented building on it.
- Ms. Gordon commented on Resolution 186-2014. She wanted to know if all of the Cities will carry the same information.
- Ms. Gordon commented on the tree removal expenses. She wanted to know if the expense be billed to the owners of those properties.
- Ms. Gordon commented the foreclosed properties in Orange owned by the banks and wanted to know if the banks were being cited and penalized for not taking care of the lots.
- Ms. Gordon wanted to know who was responsible for not charging the Board of Education for sewer and water expenses to date.

Arthur Daniels, Orange, NJ Resident

- Mr. Daniels expressed condolence to Councilwoman Eason loss of her husband.
- Mr. Daniels stated that the City Council should take into consideration when appointing to the Historical Preservation Committee people who have an understanding and love for the Town.

Elijah Robertson, 438 Tremont, Orange, NJ

- Mr. Robertson stated that he had just relocated to Orange from Brooklyn because of the beautiful homes and the history in Orange.
- Mr. Robertson commented on the abandoned homes and depreciation of property value in the area.
- Mr. Robertson stated that the banks should be held accountable for the abandoned properties that they own.

Mr. Hurley Coley, 61 Williams Street, Orange, NJ

- Mr. Coley stated that he moved to Orange in 1971 and had been here for 43 years.
- Mr. Coley stated that he was having a problem with car without permits parking on his block.
- Councilman Corbitt asked Captain Dunn who was there representing Director Simms to assist Mr. Coley.

MOTION TO CLOSE CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, and seconded by Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson to close Citizen's Comments. The motion carries unanimously to close Citizen's Comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Corbitt spoke about the Orange Fire Department and Fire Fighters response to a fire in June on Vose Avenue. He commended them for putting their lives on the line and keeping the residents of Orange safe.

Councilman Corbitt directed the Deputy Clerk to CC the entire council whenever she receives the original agenda from the Administration. He stated that there were fourteen items on the original agenda and nine were removed. He suggested that all items remain on the original agenda and be presented to the council at the regular meeting and that the entire council should have an opportunity to review the items and decide whether to table or remove any of the items. He stated that the Clerk is responsible for the agenda not the Council President.

Councilman Corbitt commented on the issue with the Board of Education and the City regarding the water bill. He stated that he hoped there would be a resolution on the matter.

Councilman Corbitt stated that there is money in the budget for the Police Department to hire more Police Officers. The police department is understaffed. He suggested that Megan and Mr. Lerch determine the dollar amount in the budget for new hire and to place that money in a separate account and when they are ready to hires they should go before the Council.

Councilman Corbitt commented on the Personnel Committee stating that it was set up to oversee problems in the clerk's office. He stated that the Council President pulled several items from the agenda one of which was a fire truck the Fire Department desperately needed. He stated that they had \$35,000 to purchase a truck and he believed it should be a priority. He stated that the council needed to work together to decide what items on the agenda be voted on and to also decide what items go to committee.

Councilman Corbitt stated that there was an item on the agenda to remove someone from the Law Department to serve as a judge. He stated that he thought the individual should not be interviewed twice. He suggested that the person only go before the Council.

Councilman Corbitt asked Mr. Smith, the City Attorney, if Mr. Dwight Mitchell had been receiving pension payments.

Mr. Smith stated that he did not know for sure, but would inquire.

Councilman Johnson, Jr. welcomed the Orange community and stated that it was his first council meeting and thanked everyone who participated in the election. He commented on the University of Orange of which he was a graduate and that the public should look into the hidden treasures of Orange fundraising. He commented on the budget from pervious council. He will do his best in the decision making process when it pertains to the budget.

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, stated this was her first council meeting and thanked everyone for starting on time.

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, Jr., commented on her first National Night Out stating that the community came together and that the children enjoyed seeing the Police Officers and Fire Fighters.

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson stated that the senior picnic would be the next day at Orange Reservoir from 11A.M. to 3:00P.M. and encourage all seniors attend.

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented on the City's Summer Camp at Lincoln Avenue School which accommodated over three hundred children from Orange.

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson addressed the South Ward stating that she would be having four quarterly meetings in October, December, March and June to bring the government to the residences.

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson stated she wanted the citizens of Orange and Council to work together so that the City of Orange can move forward.

Councilman Coley stated that he spoke with the housing authority about the senior unit at 105 Wilson Place not having security. He commented that it was a beautiful development which has units for seniors and family.

Councilman Coley thanked Mr. Mayes and Mr. Garrett for the speed bumps that were placed on Oakwood Avenue.

Councilman Coley thanked Mr. Mayes for taking care of the Colgate Pool.

Councilman Coley suggested to Mr. Mayes and Mr. Garrett that the construction companies they hired not leave the road smooth after they concluded their work.

Councilwoman Eason thanked everyone for their support and encouragement and most of all the love that was shown to her after the loss of her husband.

Councilwoman Eason commented on National Night Out suggesting there be a rotation of the Wards.

Councilwoman Eason commented on the foreclosed properties. She directed Mr. Smith to provide a list. She stated that the banks will not hold themselves accountable unless we force them to do so. She also stated that the citizens should hold themselves accountable and take the initiative in their Ward to call the banks directly.

- Councilwoman Eason stated that she did meet with the Mayor regarding the Board of Education's Water Bill.
- Councilwoman Eason Commented on Resolution 185-2014 stating that the council should be consistent in the titles that are being used. She suggested that Mr. Daniels be selected to be on the Historic Preservation Committee.
- Councilwoman Eason stated that she felt the Clerk's office is a statutory office and she believed that their power is being circumvented.
- Councilwoman Eason stated that Ms. Smith knows that she is a part of the State and that there are certain things that the council cannot interfere with.
- Councilwoman Eason stated that when there are resumes for positions in the Clerk's office those resumes should be all given to the council members not just the Personnel committee to assure all council members are fully engaged on the happenings in the City.
- Councilwoman Eason stated not to forget to thank former Councilwoman, Ms. Linda Jones Bell for her participation on the Oakwood Avenue Project.
- Mr. Marty Mayes commented on resolution 193-2014. He requested that Councilman Johnson, Jr., get his questions answered so that it could be voted on that night because it was time sensitive.

- Councilwoman Eason stated that regarding resolution 193-2014 that the council should take a five to ten minute break for Executive Session for Councilman Johnson, Jr. to ask his questions.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Councilman, Corbitt; seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gaunt-Butler, Council President Williams

Motion Passes

MOTION TO EXTEND REGULAR SESSION

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilman, Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call

Ayes: Coley, Eason, Johnson, & Jr., Summers-Johnson

Nays: Corbitt

Absent: Gaunt-Butler, Council President Williams

ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

The Deputy Clerk read **Ordinance 14-2014** by title:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township regarding Personnel Policies (Sponsored by: Council Member Elroy A. Corbitt).

The Chair declared the time open for a public hearing on Ordinance 14-2014.

Seeing none the Chair closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilman, Corbitt, seconded, by Councilwoman, Eason to adopt **Ordinance 14-2014**

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gaunt-Butler & Council President Williams

Motion Carries

ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

The Deputy Clerk read Ordinance 15-2014 by title: An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation limits and to establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14).

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance 15-2014.

Seeing none, the Chair declared the time closed.

Public Hearing

Jeffrey Feld, local businessman; 268 Main Orange, NJ wwnj.com website

- Mr. Feld gave his opinion on the Budget Cap procedures and his objections providing his reasons.

Seeing there was no one else the Chair closed the Public Hearing.

Motion to Adopt Final Reading

Motion by Councilman Corbitt seconded, by Councilwoman, Eason to adopt **Ordinance 15-2014**

On the Motion

Councilwoman Eason stated that she listened to all that Mr. Feld said but she felt that they needed to move forward. She stated that there was an error made which was corrected and that the City Council does have legal guidance to keep the council out of trouble. She also stated that the City Council had approval from the Local Finance Board to move the ordinance forward.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gaunt-Butler & Council President Williams

Motion Carries

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION /FIRST READING

The Deputy Clerk read **Ordinance 16-2014** by title: An Ordinance to Transfer 162 Central Place (Block 3304, Lot 21) to Lamont Bryant.

Motion to Adopt First Reading

Motion by Councilman Corbitt seconded by Councilwoman, Eason to adopt **Ordinance 16-2014**.

Public Hearing

Scheduled for September 2, 2014.

Roll Call

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

Nays: None

Absent: Gaunt-Butler & Council President Williams

Motion Carries

CONSENT AGENDA

The Deputy Clerk Read: 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 REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE OF THE AGENDA.

RESOLUTIONS *170- 2014-197-2014

- *170A-2014 A resolution re-appointing Councilwoman Tency A. Eason to the Planning Board of the City of Orange Township.
- *171B-2014 A resolution Re-appointing Councilwoman Donna K. Williams to the Second River Joint Meeting.
- *172C-2014 A resolution appointing Council Members Jamie Summers-Johnson, Kerry J. Coley & Donna K. Williams as members of the Municipal Council Personnel Committee.
- *173D-2014 A resolution appointing Council Members Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Kerry J. Coley & Donna K. Williams to the Budget Reconciliation Committee.
- *174E-2014 A resolution appointing Council Members Kerry J. Coley & Donna K. Williams as Liaisons to the Essex County Council Municipal Exchange on behalf of the City of Orange Township. (**Moved from Consent Agenda for Separate Vote**).
- *175F-2014 A resolution appointing Council Members Elroy A. Corbitt & Kerry J. Coley as Liaisons to the Police Department of the City of Orange Township.
- *176G-2014 A resolution appointing Council Members April Gaunt-Butler and Kerry J. Coley as Liaisons to the Fire Department of the City of Orange Township.
- *177H-2014 A resolution appointing Council Members Harold J. Johnson, Jr., and Kerry J. Coley as Liaisons to the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Township.
- *178I-2014 A resolution appointing Council Members Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Kerry J. Coley & Donna K. Williams as Liaisons to the Governmental Operations Committee of the City of Orange Township.

- *179J-2014 A resolution appointing Council Members Kerry J. Coley, Tency A. Eason & Donna K. Williams as Members to the Policy and Planning of the City of Orange Township.
- *180A-2014 A resolution appointing Council Members Kerry J. Coley & Donna K. Williams
To the Board of School Estimate in the City of Orange Township.
- *181-2014 A resolution appointing Council Member Jamie Summers-Johnson as Liaison
to the Library of the City of Orange township.
- *182-2014 A resolution appointing Council Member Jamie Summers-Johnson as Liaison
to the YWCA of Essex and West Hudson Counties. **(Withdrawn)**
- *183-2014 A resolution appointing Council Member Tency A. Eason as Liaison
to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of the City of Orange Township.
- *184-2014 A resolution appointing Anthony D. Williams as a Citizen Member to the Public Works Committee of the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Hon. Harold J. Johnson)
- *185-2014 A resolution appointing Darrin Fisher to the City of Orange Township Historic Preservative Commission for a term of one (4) years commencing on August 6, 2014 through July 31, 2018. (Sponsored by Hon. Kerry J. Coley). **(Moved from Consent Agenda for Separate Vote).**
- *186-2014 A resolution designating East Orange/ Orange Record Transcript, Star Ledger and Local Talk as the official newspapers for the City of Orange Township, New Jersey
- *187-2014 A resolution to Amend the City of Orange Township CY 2014 Municipal Budget **(Moved from Consent Agenda for Separate Vote).**
- *188-2014 A resolution adopting the Calendar Year 2014 Municipal Budget (January 1, 2014- December 31, 2014) **(Moved from Consent Agenda for Separate Vote).**
- *189-2014 A resolution for emergency temporary appropriations to the Calendar Year 2014 Budget for the month of August. **(Withdrawn)**

- *190-2014 A resolution authorizing the refund of taxes due to State Board Judgments in the amount of \$29,682.72.
- *191-2014 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to add 182 New Street and 231 Lincoln Avenue to its existing City of Orange Township abandoned properties list.
- *192-2014 A resolution authorizing a refund of \$700.00 to John Maher, 4 Trinity Drive, Livingston, NJ for a Certificate of Sales Inspection at 398 Main Street, Orange, NJ.
- *193-2014 An enabling resolution authorizing the application, approval and acceptance of a grant upon notification of approval by the Department of Public Works and Engineering from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Programs for the 2014 City of Orange Township Multi-Park Development Project.
- *194-2014 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on August 6, 2014 dated August 1, 2014 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 7,186,113.85)
- *195-2014 A resolution appointing Hashim Garrett, from Orange, New Jersey as a member of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey for a term of (5) years. **(Moved from Consent Agenda for Separate Vote).**
- *196-2014 A resolution to honor the life of Former Councilman Nicholas C. Varanelli. (Sponsored by: The City of Orange Township Municipal Council)
- *197-2014 A Resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair an open contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers and Affiliates, 232 Kings Highway East Haddonfield, New Jersey 08033 for professional engineering services to prepare and submit an application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to obtain a permit to use Antiprex N40V at the Orange Park and Gist Place Treatment plants in the amount not to exceed \$3,500.00. (Sponsored by: Councilwoman Eason)

Motion by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, to approve the Consent Agenda (with exceptions as noted) by the Township as follows: Approval of Resolutions: 170A-2014, 171B-2014, 172C-2014, 173D-2014, 175F-2014,176G-2014,177H-2014,178I-2014,179J-2014,180A-2014,181-2014,182-2014,183-2014,184-2014,186-2014,190-2014,191-2014,192-2014,193-2014,194-2014,196-2014,197-2014

The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as modified.

Deputy Clerk read resolution *174-2014, titled: A resolution appointing Council Members Kerry J. Coley & Donna K. Williams as Liaisons to the Essex County Council Municipal Exchange on behalf of the City of Orange Township.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt seconded by Councilwoman Eason approve to Resolution *174-2014.

On the Motion Councilwoman Eason asked if there were any concerns about the resolution.

Councilman Corbitt responded by stating his understanding of the Municipal Exchange and that there wasn't a need to assign anyone any council member can attend the meetings.

Councilwoman Eason stated that she was on the original team of the Exchange and commented on why the Exchange was formed and its objectives.

Councilman Corbitt stated that all Council Members will be notified of future meetings because they are on an email list.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Eason, Johnson, Jr., & Summers-Johnson

Nays: Corbitt

Absent: Gaunt-Butler & Council President Williams

Motion Carries

Deputy Clerk read resolution ***185-2014**, titled: A resolution appointing Darrin Fisher to the City of Orange Township Historic Preservative Commission for a term of one (4) years commencing on August 6, 2014 through July 31, 2018. (Sponsored by Hon. Kerry J. Coley).

Motion by Councilman Corbitt seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson to approve Resolution *185-2014.

Roll Call:

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

Nays:

Absent: Gaunt-Butler & Council President Williams

Motion Carries

Deputy Clerk read resolution ***187-2014**, titled: A resolution to amend the City of Orange Township CY 2014 Municipal Budget

Motion by Councilman Corbitt seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson to approve Resolution *187-2014.

Roll Call:

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

Nays:

Absent: Gaunt-Butler & Council President Williams

Motion Carries

Deputy Clerk read resolution *188-2014, titled: A resolution adopting the Calendar Year 2014 Municipal Budget (January 1, 2014- December 31, 2014)

Motion by Councilman Corbitt seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson to approve Resolution *188-2014.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Eason, & Summers-Johnson

Nays: Corbitt & Johnson, Jr.,

Absent: Gaunt-Butler & Council President Williams

Motion Fails

On the Motion

Mr. Mapp stated it would be in the best interest of the City if the Council does a Motion to Re-Consider the resolution.

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson asked if there could be layoffs as a result of the resolution not passing.

Mr. Mapp stated that there could be layoffs. He further stated that he received approval for the Director of Local Government Services stating that everything was in order to adopt the budget.

Councilman Corbitt stated that the State had some questions regarding the budget.

Mr. Mapp responded by stating that all the State's questions were answered.

Motion to Reconsider by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Summer-Johnson to Reconsider *188-2014

Roll Call:

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

Nays: none

Absent: Gaunt-Butler & Council President Williams

Motion Carries

Motion to Adopt by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Summer-Johnson to adopt*188-2014

On the Motion Councilman Corbitt stated that this year's budget has been the most difficult he had witnessed in a very long time and that it was difficult for him to approve. He mentioned that the Fire Department and the Police Department did not get the amount of money they needed to operate. He also stated that he hoped in the near future that there would be more hiring to do away with the eight hundred thousand dollars this is being used for overtime.

Roll Call

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, & Summers-Johnson

Nays: Johnson, Jr.,

Absent Gaunt-Butler & Council President Williams

Motion Carries

Deputy Clerk read resolution *195-2014, titled: A resolution appointing Hashim Garrett, from Orange, New Jersey as a member of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey for a term of five (5) years.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt seconded by Councilwoman Eason approve Resolution *195-2014.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: none

Absent: Gaunt-Butler & Council President Williams

Motion Carries

Other Pending Business

None

Motion to Adjourn

Councilwoman Corbitt moves to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Eason. The Motion to Adjourn was approved by a unanimous vote.

Adjournment Time: 11:30PM

Madeline F. Smith, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk

Donna K. Williams
Council President