

THIS WAS A SPECIAL 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, AUGUST 23, 2016 FOLLOWING THE AMENDMENTS TO CALENDAR YEAR 2016 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilman Kerry Coley, East Ward
Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilman Christopher Jackson, At-Large
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West Ward
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson., South Ward
Councilwoman Donna K. Williams, At-Large

Also Present: Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Chris Hartwyk, Acting Business Administrator
Adrian Mapp, Acting Finance Director
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk,
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer
James Wolfe, Deputy City Attorney
Carl Smith, Acting Tax Collector

Absent: Kevin Harris, Legislative Research Officer
Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large

The City Clerk announces that the requirement of N.J. S.A. 10:4-9 et. seq., “Sunshine Law” has been met a public notice was sent to the Star Ledger and published with the Record-Transcript on August 18, 2016, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

The Clerk stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider a resolution authorizing the foreclosure of tax title liens in rem.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

The Clerk made the following statement:

Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss tonight’s Agenda Item –shall sign the book.

- Mr. Jeffery Feld asked why the City isn’t selling the tax liens.
Mr. Feld asked about the bill list.

- Mr. Bruce Myer came to the podium and commented that he had nothing to say about this resolution because of what he had experienced with prior tax liens and how badly they were handled.
- Ms. Abrams asked if there is somewhere is can find the total of all the abandoned houses and properties. Is the property that is being sold going for the market value, how is that determined.

Council President Williams asked the residents that had shown up late if they had any questions regarding the resolution for foreclosures. There was no reply.

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

The Motion was unanimously approved.

- Council President Williams asked Mr. Mapp to answer the question about the bill list not being on the website. Mr. Mapp stated that the individual who maintains the website will have to determine why the bill list was not being viewed. When asked if he had given the bill list to that individual to put on the website. Mr. Mapp did not know and would have to get back to the Council. Councilman Coley asked if there was a procedure by the Administration to get the bill list to that individual and if not, they should put one in place.
- Council President asked the Acting Business Administrator about having things added to the website. Mr. Hartwyk stated that once the bill list is provided as part of the agenda it would be added to the website immediately that day. Mr. Hartwyk stated that the properties that were added to the foreclosure list that their liens were originally offered for sale in 2014 or 2015 and there were no buyers therefore the city retained the liens on those properties. After the City retains those liens for 2 full and $\frac{3}{4}$ of the third year they are permitted after 3 month from the last lien sale to place those liens on the rem foreclosure list. Mr. Hartwyk went into further detail about the foreclosure list and the authorities that permit the sale. Mr. Hartwyk answers question by the Council Members.

The Clerk read the resolution as amended by title. The amendment is the last sentence in the first paragraph “being scheduled number 1 through 17 “not 18.

277-2016 A resolution to authorizing the foreclosure of tax title liens in rem.

Motion by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson to adopt Resolution 277-2016.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Wooten

Motion carries.

The Council President requested that the Acting Business Administrator create a document regarding foreclosures for the resident which would help them understand the process.

The City Clerk reported that they were going into Executive Session for interviews of the Mayor's appointments.

Motion by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Eason to have an Executive Session.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Wooten

Motion carries.

Motion to go into Executive Session by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Wooten

Motion carries.

Motion to reconvene by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Wooten

Motion carries.

Motion by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Jackson to adjourn.

By consensus the special meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Donna K. Williams
Council President