

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 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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
Council President April Gaunt-Butler, At-Large

Also Present: Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Willis Edwards, III, Mayor's Designee
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director
Dan Smith, City Attorney
Marlin Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director,
John Wade, Acting Police Director
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer
Marty Mayes, Director of DPW
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk,

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 City Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MEETINGS

July 21, 2015 Public Hearing on the Calendar year 2015 Budget.

Motion to approve the July 21 2015 Public Hearing minutes By Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

By consensus the meeting minutes were approved.

July 21, 2015 Special Meeting.

Motion to approve the July 21, 2015 Special Meeting minutes by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

By consensus the Regular and Conference meeting minutes were approved.

August 5, 2015 Conference & Regular meeting. (Council President Gaunt-Butler was absent and cannot vote)

Motion to approve the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from August 5, 2015. By Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read the following:

REPORTS:

- **Clerk’s Office-Month of July-2015: \$13.40**
- **Department of Planning & Economic Development- Month of July-\$33,915.00**
- **Department of Community Service-Month of July-2015: \$31,989.00**

CONSTABLE REPORTS-

- **Richard Noizy-Security Service Pro Cops- July 1, 2015 –July 1, 2 and 3, 2015**
- **Darnell Brodie- Month of July 2015-no activity**
- **Mohamed L. Toure-Month July 2015-no activity**

OPRA REQUESTS REPORTS

There were none

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilwoman Williams asked about the hiring of Police. Acting Director Wade stated that the department is in the final stages of the background checks and then they will start the interviews.

Council President directs Clerk to file reports

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

There were none

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

The City Clerk made the following statement.

“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 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. Feld spoke about the lack of trust in elected officials.

- Spoke about long term tax abatements.
- Spoke about short term tax abatements.
- Spoke about the friendly budget not being on the website.
- Spoke about not knowing the terms of agreement for the Director Sims settlement.
- Spoke about Court Case Feld VI.
- Questioned items on the bill list.

Ms. Katalin Gordon commented that the cameras are still not working.

- Spoke about questions she had asked Mr. Edwards at the last meeting.
- Spoke about replacing members on the Public Works Committee.
- Spoke about Ordinance 47-2015.
- Spoke about having deadlines for contracts.

Mr. Hakim Sims thanked the Council Members and the Mayor for all they have done for him in the past few years. He reported that this was the first day of his retirement from the Police Department. The members of the Police department are the best in the State.

Ms. Gloria Stewart commented that Mr. Sims was leaving the City too soon.

- Spoke about reserving parking spaces for businesses.
- Spoke about seeing Council Members at the opening of schools function.
- Spoke about the purchasing agent position.
- Spoke about the City having a Business Administrator.

Responses to questions.

- Mr. Edwards would look into the bill list not be posted on the website.
- Mr. Edwards would look into the Friendly budget not being on the website.
- Mr. Edwards would look into other questions that Mr. Feld had asked.
- Mr. Edwards commented that he should have the questions in advance so he can address them at meetings.
- Mr. Smith the City Attorney commented that answers regarding Mr. Sims could not be discussed now.
- Mr. Edwards answered questions as he could and stated he would have to look into and get back to Council on questions that he did not have answers too.
- The Council President reported that she had assigned Councilwoman Williams and Eason to the Public Works Committee.
- Mr. Mobley answered questions on parking meter fees for Ms. Gordon.
- Mr. Mayes stated that he could not give a time frame for the salt dome at this time.

Mr. Ramsy Nasra came to the podium and commented was skipped during citizens comments. Mr. Nasra spoke about Ordinance June 5, 2013 Ordinance 14-2013 regarding duplicate business or similar service retail within 1000 feet within each other on Main Street. Mr. Nasra feels that this Ordinance needs to be change because this law limits competition and the potential for the best deals for the customer. He has a business and was looking to expand, found a location but could not open the business because another similar business is within 1000 feet. Mr. Nasra ask the Council to consider revising this Ordinance.

Motion to Close: Council Woman Eason

Second: Council Woman Williams

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson reported that she had attended the Fire Directors session on fire prevention. She had met with Acting Director Wade of the Police Department with regard to the Crossing Guard problem on Haywood. A solution for the double parking of cars is being looked into and perhaps there will be a drop off area in front of the school. She attended the Lisa Watch Day. Councilwoman Summers-Johnson also attended a Mount Orange Non Violence event.

Councilwoman Williams gave her condolences to the Hill family. Ordinance 47-2015 we are a transit village but the city is slow on following up on things that a transit village should have; i.e. parking for commuters. Councilwoman Williams provided the Administration with some suggestions. Councilwoman Williams had the Fire Director Douglas speak on the new exam dates for people that want to be fireman. The Councilwoman reported that on Sept 5th there will be a Orange community day at Orange Park.

Councilman Coley stated that the court had a backlog of court cases which prompted the city to hire a temporary Judge, what is the status of those backlogs. Can we get a report on this? Mr. Edwards stated that the backlog has been greatly reduced. Councilman Coley commented that he sent in an OPRA request for information on EZ pass payments for city vehicles and had not received any information. Mr. Edwards would have to get to the Councilman on that issue. Mr. Mapp came to the podium and stated that he would have a search done the next day to see if there were any payments to EZ-Pass. When questioned about Senior buses Mr. Edwards stated that the new buses had a recall and were sent back to manufacturer. As soon as they are back and tested they will be in service.

Councilman Coley stated that Reock Street is in need of repairs.

Councilwoman Eason stated that she had attended the Superintendent's forum.

Councilwoman Eason stated that the trees need to be trimmed so the street sweeper can get next to the curbs. Mr. Mayes the Director of DPW stated that he was putting a plan together.

The Councilwoman reported that residents on Rich St. have had car break-ins and thefts. She asked the Acting Police Director to pay attention to that street. The Councilwoman remarked on the homeless and drug addicts in the City and asked other Council Members to think about how the Council will address that.

Councilwoman Eason had asked the Mayor to have Colgate Park open a few hours a day for the residents.

Councilman Corbitt stated that the City cameras in the chambers were not working correctly.

The Councilman stated that parking on Lincoln Ave is also very bad and should be looked into.

The Councilman stated that he wanted a presentation on the YWCA specifically how was it going to be changed into a profitable business and what is the status of the work that is being done. What is the procedure to use the YWCA facilities? Mr. Edwards stated that at the present there was no procedure put in place. An update on the Y would be given at the next meeting. The Councilman asked when Day Street would be paved. Mr. Mayes stated it was scheduled for next year. The Councilman asked Mr. Edwards if Galaxy bills show up

on the bill list. Mr. Edwards said that they do but the City is holding back on payment for a number of reasons. Councilman Corbitt thanked Mr. Sims for his service to the city.

Councilman Johnson, Jr. questioned the bulk tax lien sale failure and why the City Attorney had not gotten back to the Council with answers. Mr. Smith the City Attorney stated that he was not prepared to give a report, but after speaking with an outside attorney he would give a report.

Motion by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr., to extend the meeting past 10:30 P.M.

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Council President Gaunt-Butler gave her condolences to the Caraway family.

Mr. Caraway will be honored at the Sept 11th opening football game.

The Council President had attended the Superintendent’s forum.

The Council President thanked Mr. Sims for his service to the City.

The Council President suggested a 5 minute break.

Motion by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Coley, to recess for 5 minutes.

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, to reconvene.

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE POSTPONED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Clerk read Ordinance 24-2015 by Title.

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 Council President stated that the ordinance still had not been updated with some changes and would be postponed again.

The Clerk read Ordinance 42-2015 by Title.

42-2015 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-32 No Parking at all Times to provide adequate space in the area for emergency vehicles usage.

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 42-2015. Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

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

Roll Call:

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

Abstain: Williams
Absent: None

Motion Carries.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason, to adopt Ordinance Number 42-2015.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Ordinance 43-2015 by Title.

43-2015 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-16, Loading Zone. (Alden Street)

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 43-2014.
Seeing no one else, the Chair declared the time closed.

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

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason, to adopt Ordinance Number 43-2015.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Ordinance 45-2015 by Title.

45-2015 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-52-1, Handicapped Parking Spaces. (452 Meade Street – East Side)

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 45-2015.
Seeing no one else, the Chair declared the time closed.

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

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, to adopt Ordinance Number 45-2015.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Ordinance 46-2015 by Title.

46-2015 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 185, “Streets & Sidewalks”, Section 185-13 Excavations & Street Opening.

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 46-2015. Seeing no one else, the Chair declared the time closed.

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

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, Jr., to adopt Ordinance Number 46-2015.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

The Clerk read Ordinance 47-2015 by Title.

47-2015 An ordinance to amend Chapter 200 of the Code of the City of Orange Township by establishing a reserved parking area in the municipal parking plaza number four (4) providing ten (10) parking spaces to J’s Southern Style Café LLC, 16 South Center Street, Orange, New Jersey to provide reserved parking for their customers.

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason that Ordinance 47-2015 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held October 6, 2015.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

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 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason, to suspend the rules to add Resolutions 223-2015 and 225-2015.

Councilwoman Williams stated that 225-2015 was for the Italian Festival which would be taking place before the next meeting.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Resolution 223-2015 and 225-2015 by Title.

RESOLUTIONS NO. *218-2015 through 225-2015

***218-2015 A resolution authorizing the refund of taxes paid due to inadvertent payment in the amount of \$3,252.23.**

- *219-2015 A resolution authorizing the refund of taxes due to state board judgments in the amount of \$19,354.40.**
- *220-2015 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate No. 14-0161 and authorizing refund payment to lien holder in the amount of \$14,128.00 in addition to fees of \$52.00, and a premium paid at the time of sale in the amount of \$30,000.00. **(WITHDRAWN)**
- *221-2015 A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract to furnish and install one (1) forty (40) foot diameter salt storage dome with a six (6) foot high, reinforce concrete wall to Dome Corporation of North America, 5450 East Street, Saginaw, MI 48601 in the amount not to exceed \$205,080.00**
- *222-2015 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on September 1, 2015 dated August 28, 2015 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 12,109,496.69) **(removed for separate vote)**
- *223-2015 A Resolution rejecting the bids for the roadway improvements to Lincoln Place and Berwick Street.**
- *225-2014 A resolution designating Minton Place between Scotland Road and Lincoln Avenue as Anthony Monica Plaza – in honorarium**

**Motion by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.
to approve the Consent Agenda (with the corrections as noted)**

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

The City Clerk read Resolution 222-2015 by Title.

- 222-2015 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on September 1, 2015 dated August 28, 2015 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 12,109,496.69)

Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson to approve Resolution 222-2015.

Mr. Edwards answered questions by the Governing Body. Mr. Mapp stated that the Council should approve amounts on the bill list, because an item does not have an invoice is not a sufficient reason not to pay the bill. Invoices can be provided at a later date.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

Motion by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Coley , to recess the meeting.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

Motion by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Williams , to go into executive session.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries

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

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

The Council decided on having interviews for the tax assessor and Zoning Board person at 6:00 P.M. the night of the next Council meeting.

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS There was no other pending business.

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Corbitt.

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 11:35 P.M

Approved:

JOYCE L. LANIER

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

APRIL GAUNT-BUTLER

April Gaunt-Butler
Council President

**Original Copy of the Minutes can be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk.