

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 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 AT 7:15 P.M.

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

Also Present: Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Chris Hartwyk, Acting Business Administrator
Jeanette Arnold, First Assistant City Attorney
Kevin Harris, Legislative Research Officer (arrived @ 7:30)
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk,
Kenneth Douglas, Acting Fire Director,
John Wade, Acting Police Director
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer
Marty Mayes, Acting Director of Public Works
Adrian Mapp, Acting Director of Finance

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. Each person signing the book 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 14, 2016, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

- **Pastor Jacob Vital, Shiloh Baptist Church**
- Pastor Teima the Youth Coordinator of the Shiloh Baptist Church, came to the podium stated that the Church had just purchased the building on Main Street and Scotland Rd and their purpose is to serve the community, bring back the beauty of the building. They had met with the Historic Society and will be speaking with them on how to move forward to restore the church.

- Councilwoman Summers-Johnson stated that she was glad that the Pastor had come to the meeting to allow the residents to hear the plans for the building and property.
- Councilwoman Eason was also glad and wanted the property open again for the residents.
- Pastor Teima stated that they are planning a Christmas Concert at the Church.
- Councilwoman Wooten thanked the Pastor for coming to Orange.

- The Council President suspended the rules and asked the residents if they had any questions for the Pastor. A Resident came to the podium and thanked the Pastor.

- **Superior Officers Association (SAO) – Memorandum of Understanding Resolution 252-2016**
 - The Acting Business Administrator gave a report on the resolution. He spoke about the fiscal impact of the resolution for the year 2016. He stated that the impact of the SAO agreement was included in the 2016 budget, which is a 7% increase with steps and longevity it brings the percentage up to 8.25 % increase which covers the years 2012 through 2016. The dollars are between \$335,000.00 and \$339,000.00. The 2017 increase is at 2.55 with steps and longevity the max amount of the impact will be \$111,000.00. The increase for 2018 will be a 2.72% increase to include the steps and longevity with a max amount \$122,000.00. These figures would not include any promotions.

 - Council President Williams announced that the meeting was now on the air and provided a summary of the Matters for discussion that had not been televised.

The City Clerk makes the following statement:

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.

If the residents have concerns or question about the SAO memorandum they can discuss them during citizen comments.

- Councilman Coley - Resolution 292-2016 page 32 – Tom Ashley received \$10,000. Attorney Smith was told that the City was not hiring Mr. Ashley, but they did so anyway.

- Acting Business Administrator Mr. Hartwyk stated that the Purchase Order was signed by the City Attorney and approved by the Finance Office. The Business Administrator also stated that the City should not be paying for retainers. He will follow up with Mr. Ashley the following day.

- Councilman Coley asked which law was being broken this time. The Business Administrator stated that there is a new policy for hand checks. No hand checks will be cut without the approval of the Director of Finance and the Business Administrator and it

has to be for a legal reasons. Also the Finance Personnel will now check for executed copies of resolutions; the resolution that had been presented to the Finance Office so the check could be cut had not been signed by the Clerk or the Council President.

- Councilman Jackson agreed with Councilman Coley but felt that the Finance Department person should have called the Clerk's Office for verification.
- Kevin Harris stated that the Council is the contracting authority and may or may not award a contract. A contract under a certain amount can be approved by the qualified purchasing agent; however, the contract with Mr. Ashley was not authorized by the Council. The Council sets the amount the Qualified Purchasing Agent can approve. The Council President asked Mr. Harris to draft an ordinance or resolution that the Qualified Purchasing Agent would only have the authority to approve up to \$10,000.00 by the next meeting.
- Mr. Mapp stated that he had nothing to do with the Attorney Ashley issue.
- Councilwoman Eason asked Mr. Mapp how that check was cut when all cut checks go through the Finance Director. Mr. Mapp stated that someone from the Mayor's office had gone to finance and told the staff person to cut the check; my stamp was used and he had not been aware of it.
- Councilman Jackson asked about a \$100.00 charge from page 20 of the bill list. The Council had requested backup for the item. Council President Williams stated that up to \$10,000.00 had been paid out for the Gospel Festival. Mr. Mapp suggested removing the item and he would look into it first thing in the morning. Councilwoman Eason suggested that the Council put some policies in place regarding what the Council will pay for because too much money is being spent on those affairs and it is not the Orange residents that are attending. Councilman Jackson turned to page 37 of the bill list and spoke about the list of payments to artists that had performed at a festival. The Council President reminded Councilman Jackson that money is allocated for festivals. The Acting Business Administrator stated that those figures on page 37 were not funded with tax payer's dollars.
- Council President Williams questioned page 2 regarding the motor vehicle parts. Is the City spending this money in the most efficient way? Mr. Hartwyk stated that he is looking into those figures. The Council President asked about an insurance bill which Mr. Hartwyk will also look into.
- Council President Williams asked if the BA could check to see if the City is actually saving money with the new prescription plan. Discussion took place about employee training and the ordinance that had been passed. The City Clerk stated that the ordinance did not cover employee training only employee reimbursement. Councilwoman Eason disagreed.

- Council President Williams requested that Mr. Hartwyk check into the Summer Food Program to see if the City is in compliance with the grant, by the next meeting.
- Councilman Jackson asked how many people were trained on the fork lift. Director Mayes stated there were 8 to 10 people trained. The Councilman questioned positions that were created without the consent of the Council. Mr. Hartwyk stated that was a personnel matter which could be reviewed in closed session.
- Councilwoman Eason regarding Ordinance 22-2016, commented that permit parking was not be enforced and the residents that have permits expect the Police to ticket those cars that do not have a permit to park. Councilwoman Eason also stated that the Police dispatchers need to be more courteous to the residents that call about cars that are parked without permits.
- Councilman Jackson regarding Ordinance 43-2016, stated that the ordinance was not changed from grades of C to grades of B.
- Regarding Resolution 281-2016 Councilwoman Wooten asked about the reason for 3 newspapers. Clerk Lanier provided the reasons for the 3 newspapers.
- Councilman Jackson regarding Ordinance 49-2016 questioned who the money goes to. Mr. Mapp commented that it is for the retiring employees and explained that the dollar amounts cannot be paid out in one budget but had to be budgeted yearly.
- Council President Williams – regarding Resolution 279-2016 asked the City Clerk to speak on this resolution. Clerk Lanier stated that the Council does a resolution for the \$5,000.00 for the bond but she has not been able to find a resolution stating that. Council President Williams stated that a resolution on the bond amount for Constables will be presented by the next Council meeting. The Council President answered questions by Councilman Jackson.

Council President Williams entertained a Motion to Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

The Motion was unanimously approved.

Adopted:

Joyce L. Lanier
Municipal Clerk

Donna K. Williams
Council President

