

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 20, 2016, AT 8:20 P.M. FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

The Chair led all assembled in a Salute to the American Flag.

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
Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large

Also Present: Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Chris Hartwyk, Acting Business Administrator
Dan Smith, Acting City Attorney
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk,
Kenneth Douglas, Acting Fire Director,
Adrian Mapp, Acting Director of Finance
Todd Warren, Acting Police Director

Absent: Marty Mayes, Acting Director of Planning/Public Work
Kevin Harris, Legislative Research Officer

The Chair led all assembled in a Salute to the American Flag.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MEETINGS

- **August 23, 2016 – Conference & Regular Minutes**

**Motion to approve the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from August 23, 2016 by Councilman Coley, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.
The Motion was unanimously approved.**

REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION -

Department of Planning and Economic Development

May 2016	\$22,035.00
June 2016	\$58,031.00
July 2016	\$45,735.00
August 2016	\$16,266.00

CONSTABLE REPORTS - No Reports

OPRA REQUESTS

For the month of August 2016 we received 99 requested documents of which 96 were completed and 3 remain outstanding.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk gave the Council the following updates:

The guidelines for spending for special events will be reported in October.

Reported on the City’s fleet expenditures.

Reported on the contract for Smith Boring parts and services

Spoke about the summer food program contract.

Reported on the various phone service providers.

Reported on the travel reimbursement analysis for an employee that was on the last bill list.

Crossing Guard hiring update.

Reported on the prescription provider cost comparison.

Provided Council with information they requested on the Bulk Sale and a legal opinion.

The status of the parking study.

Provided information on the Orange hot line and why it was created.

Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk provided information on other follow-up items that the Council had requested.

Councilwoman Eason reported that the Police Department had a successful “Policeman Appreciation Day”.

The liaisons to the Fire, Library, Housing Authority and Planning had no reports.

Council President Williams reported that the Finance Committee will give a report at the next meeting.

Council President directs Clerk to file reports

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS - None

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

The City Clerk made the following statement:

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 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. William Lewis made suggestions to the Council on how to run their meetings.
- Mr. Jeffery Feld spoke about the lack of transparency compliance by the administration. He questioned some entries made in the bill list.
- Gloria Stewart commented on the fact that Acting Director Mapp had his position in Plainfield and also in Orange. She also commented that Acting Director Mapp should come prepared to the Council meetings. Ms. Stewart reported that on Hickory Street there is a Police car that sits there with blinking lights; is there another way that the area can be patrolled. Asked what the benefit was of taking away the resident comment time when the meetings still last till 11:00 P.M.

Motion to Close Citizen Comments by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

The Motion was unanimously approved.

The Council responds to some of the comments made by the residents.

Council President Williams stated that Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk would be discussing a plan for Hickory Street patrols at the next meeting.

The Council President asked Clerk Lanier about an OPRA request that Mr. Feld had been requesting since May. Clerk Lanier stated that she had told Mr. Feld that she did not have the document and the request was closed. She also stated that she had just received the YWCA document; she was not sure if it would answer his questions, but he could put in another OPRA request to view the document.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilwoman Summers-Johnson had spoken to the Police about the current break-ins in the South Ward and the suggestions that were made in that meeting were to

have neighbors keep a watchful eye while you are on vacation, call your Councilperson and let them know so the Police can also keep a watch on your home. Have your mail and newspapers picked up.

- Councilwoman Eason spoke about left hand turns coming out of Dunkin Dounuts and putting up some barriers to not allow that. Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk will look into that. Councilwoman Eason commented about Mr. Feld and Mr. Lewis’s comments when they come to the podium. She spoke of her annoyance with their negativity and lack of concern for the residents of the City.
- Councilman Coley asked the Fire Director about the hydrant inspections. Acting Director Douglas reported that the inspections of the fire hydrants had not been completed yet. Councilman Coley asked about the water bill, maintenance and plan of action for the wells and was answered by the Acting Business Administrator.
- Councilwoman Wooten thanked the residents and Police for the event last week. She provided a report on the events that took place. She reported that she had spoken to the BA regarding lights that were out in the city.
- Councilwoman Eason reported that on October 1st there would be a “Pink Out for Cancer” event.
- Council President Williams reported that she had attended the Congressional Black Caucus conference. The Council President reported to BA Hartwyk that she and Councilman Coley had spoken to Director Mayes and the Council President of East Orange about having a truck route with signage between Orange and East Orange. She asked that he follow up with Acting Director Mayes. She also asked for a plan on road work for some specific areas of Orange. She asked the other Council Members to wear pink at the next Council meeting.

ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

None

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/ FIRST READING

The City Clerk read Ordinance Number 51 -2016 by Title.

51-2016 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 4, entitled “Administration of Government”, Section 17.2 Constables.

Motion that Ordinance 51-2016 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held October 4, 2016 by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Wooten

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

52-2016 An ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitled Administration of Government creating the position of Chief of Staff under the Office of the Mayor. **(Removed by Administration)**

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.

RESOLUTION NUMBERS *279-2016- *304-2016

279-2016 – POSTPONED FROM SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

- *279-2016 A resolution appointing Corey Perkins, 400 Oakwood Avenue, Orange, New Jersey, Apt 5I, as a Constable from the East-Ward for a term of three (3) Years from the date of adoption. (As amended)
- *295-2016 A resolution creating a special emergency for terminal pay.
- *296-2016 **A resolution authorizing the issuance of a raffle license for Social Etiquette Club.**
- *297-2016 **A resolution rejecting the bids for the janitorial service for the Freddie Polhill Law & Justice Complex, 25-29 Park Street, Orange, NJ and City Hall, 29 North Day Street, Orange, NJ.**
- *298-2016 **A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the 2015 CDBG – Alden Park Lighting Improvements to Quality Electrical Construction Co., 290 Laurel Avenue, Hazlet, New Jersey 07734 in the amount not to exceed \$195,800.00.**

- *299-2016 Resolution authorizing settlement of litigation entitled Antoine Hall v. City of Orange Township, et al.**
- *300-2016 A resolution appointing Todd Warren as Police Director
- *301-2016 A resolution appointing Dan Smith as Judge.**
- *302-2016 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on September 20, 2016 dated September 15, 2016 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$5,285,261.07)**
- *303-2016 A resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for a grant from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund for 534 Mitchell Street Project.**
- *304-2016 A resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for a grant from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund for 540 Mitchell Street Project.**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Councilman Coley, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Resolution 279-2016 with the amended items.

- 279-2016 A resolution appointing Corey Perkins, 400 Oakwood Avenue, Orange, New Jersey, Apt 5I, as a Constable from the East-Ward for a term of three (3) Years from the date of adoption. (As amended)

Motion to approve Resolution 279-2016 as amended by Councilman Coley, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Resolution 295-2016 with the amended item.

295-2016 A resolution creating a special emergency for terminal pay.

Motion to approve Resolution 295-2016 as amended by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Resolution 300-2016 by title.

300-2016 A resolution appointing Todd Warren as Police Director

Motion to approve Resolution 300-2016 by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Summers-Johnson, Wooten

Nays: Coley, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Williams

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Fails.

NEW BUSINESS None.

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS None.

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

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 9:26 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier

Donna K. Williams

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

Municipal Clerk

Council President