

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL, 29 NORTH DAY STREET, ORANGE, NEW JERSEY. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2013, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

1) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT

ABSENT

Hon. Hassan Abdul-Rasheed	(West Ward)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Hon. Elroy A. Corbitt	(At-Large)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Hon. Tency A. Eason	(North Ward)	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Hon. April Gaunt-Butler	(At-Large)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Hon. Linda Jones-Bell	(East Ward)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Hon. Edward B. Marable Jr.	(South Ward)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Hon. Donna K. Williams	(At-Large)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Council President			

ALSO PRESENT

Madeline F. Smith, Deputy Municipal Clerk	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Hon. Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., Mayor	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Tyshammie Cooper, Acting Business Admin.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Dan S. Smith, City Attorney	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Kevin D. Harris, Legislative Research Officer	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Margarette Homere, Clerk's Office	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

3) 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 18, 2013, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

September 17, 2013 – Conference and Regular Meeting

Motion to adopt: Jones-Bell VOICE VOTE ALL IN FAVOR Second: Corbitt

Council President Williams ruled the motion was carried by Six Yeas; No Nays; No Abstentions and One Absence.

5) REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- None

CONSTABLE REPORTS:

- None

OPRA REPORTS:

- Month of August 2013: 60 completed items

President directs Clerk to file reports

6) COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

- None

- 7) CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS 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.

Council President Williams recognized the following citizens for comments:

Jeff Feld of 268 Main Street:

- Concerned about Tax Bill / Rates.
- Commented on the following Ordinances and Resolutions: 37-2013, 328-2013, 331-2013 and 334-2013.

William R. Lewis of 688 Mosswood Avenue:

- Concerned with One-Way Street initiative.
- Commented on the following Ordinances and Resolutions: 32-2013, 37-2013, 41-2013, 42-2013 and 333-2013.

Dr. Harris Enabulete, Trustee Member of the Orange Library:

- Commented on Ordinance 32-2013 as it relate to the Library's closure and current state.

Katalin Gordon of 211 Park Place:

- Concerned with the Revaluation Research Group and the procedures.
- Concerned with the Financial Impact Statement.
- Commented on Ordinance 44-2013.

Bruce Meyer of 500 Berkeley Avenue:

- Commented on Ordinances 32-2013 and 41-2013.
- Made inquiry about the Library and the duration of its closure.
- Complimented the Clerk Office on the facilitation and response of OPRA's.

Gloria Stewart of 62 Hampton Terrace:

- Commented on the following Ordinances and Resolutions: 32-2013, 330-2013, 332-2013 and 333-2013.

Motion to Close Citizen Comments:

Motion: Jones-Bell **VOICE VOTE ALL IN FAVOR** **Second:** Corbitt

8) COUNCIL COMMENTS**Councilwoman Jones-Bell**

- Announced the renaming of William Street on October 10, 2013 at 5:00pm.
- Announced Obama Care forum at Lincoln Avenue School.
- Stated the Congressional Black Caucus was very informative.

Councilman Abdul-Rasheed

- Requested that Council Members be polled regularly.
- Would like training attendees to be identified on the Bill List.
- Requested schedule of the Library and Library Meeting Minutes.
- Commented on Payroll Checks data.
- Stated he has a report in his possession about the closing of the Library.

Councilman Corbitt

- Questioned whether the Administration adhered to the cuts recommended from the Council.
- Suggested residents contact the Revaluation Representative if they have not had their home re-evaluated.
- Requested a Revaluation Presentation in November.
- Commented on the Gas Cards.

Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler

- Shared concern with Ordinance 44-2013 Fee Structure. Requesting a Flat Fee verses Percentage Fees.

- Requested paperwork on Vendors.

Council President Williams

- Shared her experience at the Congressional Black Caucus and stated she will provide a report.
- Commented on process for answering questions during Citizen Comments.

9) ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

41-2013 **An ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township entitled administration of government dealing with the presentation of items to the City Clerk for inclusion on the agenda at City Council Meetings.**

- a) **Second Reading by Title**
b) **Motion to close Public Hearing:**

Motion: Corbitt **VOICE VOTE ALL IN FAVOR** **Second:** Jones-Bell

- c) **Motion for final adoption:** **Second:**

Motion: Corbitt **Second:** Gaunt-Butler

Council President Williams announced the roll call as follows:

Yeas: Corbitt, Gaunt-Butler, Jones-Bell and Williams

Nays: Abdul-Rasheed and Marable

Abstentions: None

Absences: Eason

Council President Williams ruled the motion was carried by Four Yeas; Two Nays; No Abstentions and One Absence.

42-2013 **Capital ordinance appropriating \$325,000 received from the Department of Community Affairs Urban and Rural Centers Unsafe Buildings Demolition Bond Loan Program to pay for the demolition and disposal of unsafe buildings, in and by The City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey.**

- a) **Second Reading by Title**
b) **Motion to close Public Hearing:**

Motion: Corbitt **VOICE VOTE ALL IN FAVOR** **Second:** Jones-Bell

- c) **Motion for final adoption:**

Motion: Corbitt

Second: Jones-Bell

Council President Williams announced the roll call as follows:

Yeas: Abdul-Rasheed, Corbitt, Gaunt-Butler, Jones-Bell and Williams

Nays: Marable

Abstentions: None

Absences: Eason

Council President Williams ruled the motion was carried by Five Yeas; One Nay; No Abstentions and One Absence.

ORDINANCES TABLED FROM AUGUST 7, 2013 REGULAR MEETING

22-2013

REMAINED TABLED -

An ordinance setting forth an employee tuition reimbursement policy and guidelines or the City of Orange Township and amending and supplementing Chapter 23 of the Municipal Code and the appendix Titled City of Orange Township – Employee Handbook of personnel policies and procedures.

32-2013

REMAINED TABLED -

A Bond ordinance providing for various capital acquisitions and improvements, by and in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (The "City"); appropriating \$9,826,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of \$8,935,500 bonds or notes of the City to finance the costs thereof.

37-2013

REMAINED TABLED -

An ordinance setting outside employment guidelines for the City of Orange Township and amending and supplementing Chapter 23 of the Municipal Code and the appendix titled City of Orange Township – Employee Handbook of Personnel Policies and Procedures.

10) ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION /FIRST READING

44-2013

WITHDRAWN

An ordinance to amend and supplement Chapter 88 (Fees) of the Code of The City of Orange Township.

11) CONSENT AGENDA

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: *327-2013 -*328-2013 and *330-2013

Deputy Clerk Smith stated these resolutions have been Removed for a Separate Vote as follows: 329-2013, 331-2013, 332-2013, 333-2013 & 334-2013.

- *327-2013 A resolution authorizing the refund of taxes due to State board judgments in the amount of \$6,623.21.
- *328-2013 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to submit a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Orange Train Station pedestrian access safety improvement project.
- *330-2013 A resolution to authorize and confirm a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Millburn for the provision of Fire Subcode Official and Fire Inspector Services.

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Corbitt VOICE VOTE ALL IN FAVOR Second: Jones-Bell

Deputy Clerk Smith stated those resolutions that were Removed for a Separate Vote will now be considered.

- *329-2013 A resolution requesting approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to establish a dedicated trust by rider for electronic receipt fees pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39.

Motion: Corbitt Second: Gaunt-Butler

Council President Williams announced the roll call as follows:

Yeas: Abdul-Rasheed, Corbitt, Jones-Bell, Marable and Williams

Nays: Gaunt-Butler

Abstentions: None

Absences: Eason

Council President Williams ruled the motion was carried by Five Yeas; One Nay; No Abstentions and One Absence.

***331-2013 A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, authorizing the execution of a professional services contract.**

Motion: Corbitt

Second: Jones-Bell

Council President Williams announced the roll call as follows:

Yeas: Abdul-Rasheed, Corbitt, Gaunt-Butler, Jones-Bell and Williams

Nays: Marable

Abstentions: None

Absences: Eason

Council President Williams ruled the motion was carried by Five Yeas; One Nay; No Abstentions and One Absence.

***332-2013 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement.**

Motion: Corbitt

Second: Jones-Bell

Council President Williams announced the roll call as follows:

Yeas: Abdul-Rasheed, Corbitt, Gaunt-Butler, Jones-Bell, Marable and Williams

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absences: Eason

Council President Williams ruled the motion was carried by Six Yeas; No Nays; No Abstentions and One Absence.

***333-2013 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on October 1, 2013 dated September 25, 2013 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$1, 501,390.61)**

Motion: Corbitt

Second: Gaunt-Butler

Council President Williams announced the roll call as follows:

Yeas: Corbitt, Gaunt-Butler, Jones-Bell and Williams

Nays: Abdul-Rasheed and Marable

Abstentions: None

Absences: Eason

Council President Williams ruled the motion was carried by Four Yeas; Two Nays; No Abstentions and One Absence.

***334-2013 A resolution to insert a special item of revenue in the calendar year 2013 budget for Hurricane Sandy Disaster National Emergency Grant.**

Motion: Corbitt

Second: Abdul-Rasheed

Council President Williams announced the roll call as follows:

Yeas: Abdul-Rasheed, Corbitt, Gaunt-Butler, Jones-Bell and Williams

Nays: None

Abstentions: Marable

Absences: Eason

Council President Williams ruled the motion was carried by Five Yeas; No Nays; One Abstention and One Absence.

12) OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

13) MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Corbitt **VOICE VOTE ALL IN FAVOR** **Second:** Jones-Bell

Adjournment Time: 10:25pm



Madeline F. Smith, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk



Donna K. Williams
Council President