

**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, OCTOBER 4, 2016, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.**

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

**Roll Call:**

**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  
Renata Wooden, Legislative Research Officer  
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk,  
Kenneth Douglas, Acting Fire Director,  
Marty Mayes, Acting Director of Planning/Public Work  
Adrian Mapp, Acting Director of Finance  
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer

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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 – Public Hearing & Special Meeting Minutes**

**Motion to approve the Public Hearing and Special meeting minutes from August 23, 2016 by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilman Jackson.**

The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**REPORTS:**

**DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION -**

<u>Clerk's Office</u>	-	<b>August 2016 - \$88.00</b>
<u>Community Service</u>	-	<b>August 2016 - \$24,136.00</b>
<u>CONSTABLE REPORTS</u>	-	<b>No Reports</b>
<u>OPRA REQUESTS</u>	-	<b>None</b>

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

- Kenneth Douglas the Acting Fire Director gave a report on revenue the Fire Department had collected this year. Spoke about a meeting that would take place among himself, Director Mayes and the Acting Business Administrator. He reported on events that his department had taken part in and upcoming events as well. Acting Fire Director Douglas answered questions by the Council.
- A representative of the Police Department reported that street cameras are being installed around the city. There is a greater Police presence at schools and spoke about what is being done for Halloween this year. Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk answered questions about the status of the hiring of Crossing Guards.
- Councilman Jackson gave his report on the Library stating that the Library Board only had 5 of the 9 representatives they should have. He invited the Council President to join him at the next Library meeting. Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk stated that the Library Board membership is a legal issue and is being looked into. He also reported on the responsibilities of the Library Board workers and spoke about the amounts on the bill list for the Library. The Council President requested that Acting Director Mapp and Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk to see if there is a Municipality that has run a Library in this State. Acting Director Mapp said he would explore it. It was determined during the discussion that the Board members are appointed by the Mayor of the City but the Administration has no control over the Library.
- Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk will setup a meeting among Library Board workers, the Mayor and a City Council Members to discuss the Library. The Council President asked the City Attorney to research if the Board can operate with only 5 members and check to see if there is any training that the Board members should be attending.
- Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk reported that the Forensic Auditor has requested some documents from Administration which will be given. He reported that once the Corrective Action Plan is approved, the budget process for 2017 will begin. He is planning on giving the Council a draft budget by the end of November or the beginning of December. Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk gave an update regarding the phone problems at the Police station.
- Councilman Johnson requested a detailed report on the million dollar road repairs, which streets, how much money was paid to engineering, how much money was spent on the contractors and how much money is left.

- Acting Director. Mapp reported on the report and commented that most of the eight million dollar bond had been spent. Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk spoke about a report he would be giving to the Council regarding abandoned properties procedures that should be put in place. Council President Williams and the Acting Business Administrator spoke about a full time employee assigned to abandoned properties. Councilman Johnson commented that there are properties that should be on the abandoned property list that are not, so the list should be updated on a regular bases and action taken as soon as possible.
- Mr. Ike Jenkins, Essex County Liaison to Orange, informed residents of events that would take place Essex County. Mr. Jenkins answered questions from the Governing Body.
- Councilwoman Eason reported on the Orange City events that she attended. She asked Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk for an update on the lighted Stop Signs for the Crossing Guards. He reported that the City is finding the money for it. Councilwoman Eason thanked Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk for all his hard work.
- Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented on the remarks that were made by Ms. Campbell. She stated that the parents, teachers and the school should be held accountable for the children in the schools and what they learn. There are a number of ways a parent can keep up with their child's grades to include sitting with them when they do their homework. Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk gave an update on the senior and recreation bus service. Councilwoman Wooten reported on events that would be taking place in Orange.

**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.

- Mr. Jeffery Field commented about the tax bill and information that he had sent to the Council. Commented about the City expenses. Commented that the Council had to have a meeting regarding the Best Practices report. Questioned the City PILOTs and the new law that had been passed. Commented on the Acting Director positions and when a decision would be made on them.

- Ms. Katalin Gordon asked when the Acting Directors time expire. Commented that she was not able to hear other people speaking at the podium. Wanted to know if there were any list made of documents that were destroyed during the flood caused by the burst pipes. She would like to have a copy of the destroyed item list.
- Mr. Tyrone Tarver provided suggestions regarding class reimbursement for City employees. Mr. Tarver reported that 81 percent of the Orange Schools students had not met the State requirements for math, 75 percent of the students did not meet the State requirements for language/arts. He provided other statics regarding the poor performance of the city schools since the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Lee, took office.
- Ms. Gloria Stewart commented that the Council as well as the residents should be mindful of how they speak to one another. Ms. Stewart asked for the public comment time be increased so residents can get all their comments out. She would like to see the Mayor attend the meetings. Ms. Stewart questioned the position of Director of Finance and why it is needed since the City has a CFO in place. Ms. Stewart would like to see security in the back parking lot for residents that leave the Council meetings in the dark.

**Motion to Close Citizen Comments by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.**

**The Motion was unanimously approved.**

**Responses to some of the resident's questions.**

- The Council President commented that the Chair has the right to allow residents to speak longer than 5 minutes if it is warranted. The Council President asked Councilwoman Summers-Johnson to start an Education Committee to look into the information regarding the Orange School system and the current grades of the students. The Council President suggested that Mr. Tarver also be on the Committee. Upon the Chair's request Ms. Antoinette Campbell came to the podium and commented about her disappointment with some of the teachers that teach her child and stated that teachers should be more accountable. Also spoke about the increase of property taxes in Orange. The Council President asked the Liaisons to the Police department to follow-up on the Hickory St. Police watch with the Police Director. Council President Williams asked Business Administrator Hartwyk if he had a list of documents that had been destroyed in the flood. He was not aware of any list but would consult with the Department Heads. The Council President and Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk spoke about the Director positions that had to be attended to. Acting Finance Director Mapp was asked to add updates of the PILOTS in his monthly reports.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- Councilwoman Wooten reported that in October there would be a number of Voter registration drives and a film called Document 13th in the City that would be shown at the Library.

- Councilman Johnson spoke about having the Council President respond to remarks from the residents for the Council.
- Councilman Jackson thanked Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk for his work in the city and spoke about the city school system and helping Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.
- Council President Williams requested that Council Members appoint people to the Public Works Committee. She gave her condolences to the Anderson family. The Council President spoke about the explosion in Paterson and that the FAR organization would be helping the families. The City Fire Department will be taking donations to help FAR take care of the 35 misplaced families. She spoke about the Let's Move program by Michelle Obama. The Council President asked Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk what ALICE stood for. He reported it stood for "Asset Limited Income Constrained and Employed. Approximately 65% to 72% of the residents of Orange fall into the category of ALICE. The majority of the rest are considered below the property line and a small percentage are considered well above that. People are working more than one job and still have limited income. Living pay check to pay check.

**Motion to extend the meeting past 10:30 P.M. by Council President Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson.**

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

The Council President reminded everyone to register to vote.

**ORDINANCES-SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

The Clerk read Ordinance 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.**

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 51-2016. Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

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

**The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

**Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 51-2016 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

**ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/ FIRST READING - NONE**

**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 \*306-2016 - \*312-2016**

- \*306-2016** A resolution to approve a constable bond in the amount of \$10,000 from Cory Perkins, constable from the East Ward for a term of three (3) years.
- \*307-2016** A resolution authorizing the Orange Planning Board to conduct an investigation to expand the Central Valley Redevelopment Area within the City of Orange Township. (Withdrawn)
- \*308-2016** A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 & 2 to modify the contract with American Asphalt & Milling, 95 Midland Avenue, Kearny, New Jersey 07032 for the project known as the Roadway Improvements to Berryman Place and Ridge Street.
- \*309-2016** A resolution awarding a contract to install new parking meter poles and straightening existing parking meter poles to Abraham General Construction LLC, 39 Condit Terrace, West Orange, NJ 07052 in the amount not to exceed \$10,260.00.
- \*310-2016** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to add 201 Hickory Street and 237 Ivy Ct to its existing City of Orange Township abandoned properties list. (Withdrawn)

- \*311-2016** A resolution amending Resolution 126-2016 authorizing the award of a contract with Nishuane Group, LLC, 105 Grove Street, Ste. 1, Montclair, New Jersey 07042 to provide professional planning services for a period of one (1) year in the amount not to exceed \$200,000.00. (Withdrawn)
- \*312-2016** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on October 4, 2016 dated September 30, 2016 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ \$4,100,488.70)

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

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion Carries.**

**NEW BUSINESS** None.

**OTHER PENDING BUSINESS**

Motion to adjourn by Council, seconded by Council.

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 10:35 P.M.

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**Joyce L. Lanier**  
**Municipal Clerk**

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**Donna K. Williams**  
**Council President**