

**MINUTES CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP**  
**NEW JERSEY**

**A REGULAR 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. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2013, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.**

**1) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**2) ROLL CALL**

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

**ALSO PRESENT**

|   |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Madeline F. Smith, Deputy Municipal Clerk     | _____X_____ | _____       |
| Hon. Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., Mayor            | _____       | _____X_____ |
| Adrian Mapp, Acting Business Administrator    | _____X_____ | _____       |
| Dan S. Smith, City Attorney                   | _____X_____ | _____       |
| Kevin D. Harris, Legislative Research Officer | _____X_____ | _____       |
| Margarette Homere, Clerk's Office             | _____X_____ | _____       |

**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**

**October 1, 2013 – Conference & Regular Meeting**

**Councilwoman Eason cannot vote, because she was not present.**

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

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

**5) COUNCIL REPORTS:**

- None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- None

**CONSTABLE REPORTS:**

- Cuthbert Harris - Month of September 2013 – No activities
- Darnel Brody - Month of September 2013 – No activities

**OPRA REPORTS:**

- Month of September 2013 – 27 Completed Items of OPRA Request

**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:**

- Commented on Matters of Discussion "Best Practices Survey".
- Commented on lack of transparency and compliance with Directors and providing OPRA Request Information.
- Commented on the following Ordinance and Resolution: 32-2013 and 339-2013.

**Katalin Gordon of 211 Park Place:**

- Made inquiry into the Environmental Commission.
- Commented on Matters of Discussion "Best Practices Survey".
- Commented on Ordinance 32-2013

**Ashia Pickney, Salon Owner at 150 Main Street:**

- Commented on Ordinance 129-69 Hours of Operation, Receiving Tickets and Cost of Summons for Beauty Salon.

**Alice Lang of 400 Oakwood Avenue:**

- Commented on Matters of Discussion "HIV Awareness" for seniors.
- Commented on OPRA Request regarding Comcast Agreement for Senior Buildings.
- Concern with quality of life for residents at 400 Oakwood Avenue. As such, Problems with the Security Personnel and Lack of cooperation with Management.

**Council President Williams entertained a Motion to Extend the Meeting.**

**Motion:** Jones-Bell      **VOICE VOTE 4 IN FAVOR 1 NAY**      **Second:** Corbitt

**Harold Johnson of 235 Fuller Terrace:**

- Commented on Resolution 337-2013 and made inquiry into a quote from Katalin Gordon regarding NJDOT Road Repair funds.

**Coram J. Rimes resident of Orange:**

- Read a statement into the record entitled "I'm still here".

**Motion to Close Citizen Comments:**

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

**8) COUNCIL COMMENTS:****Councilman Corbitt:**

- Requested from the Director of Finance, Mr. Adrian Mapp a specific response concerning how is the Administration operating within the budget?
- Made inquiry into "How much of the 57M has been used as of date"?
- Commented on Resolution 337-2013 Roadway ADA Repair initiative for 2013.
- Made inquiry into Resolution 321-2011 CDBG on Roadway ADA Repair for 2012.
- Congratulated three Orange High School residents on becoming finalist of the Local Talk Scholarship Competition.

**Councilwoman Eason:**

- Thanked everyone for their well wishes during her illness.
- Commented on the Bond Ordinance regarding regulations of funds.
- Commented on the QPA misunderstanding and charged Legal Research Officer Kevin Harris to research and provide legislation regarding such.
- Requested Watchung to be placed on the CDBG list of Road Repair.
- Read Small Straws in a Soft Wind by Marsha Burns into record.

**Councilman Marable:**

- Commented on the infrequency of Financial Statements being provided to Council from the Finance Department.
- Requested stronger regulations on City Vehicle usage.

**Councilwoman Jones-Bell:**

- Agrees with Councilman Marable for stronger City Vehicle Usage Regulations.
- Commented on the Bond Ordinance.

**Council President Williams:**

- Request from Council Members their appointment Budget Advisory Committee and/or Public Works Committee.
- Encourages everyone to participate and vote during the Special Election.
- Announced the Breast Cancer Walk in Lincoln Park in Newark scheduled for this weekend.
- Commented on the success of the Teen Summit.

**Council President Williams asked Deputy Clerk Smith to move the agenda.**

**9) ORDINANCES--SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING:****43-2013      TABLED**

An ordinance to amend Ordinance #129-69, Chapter 60, Barbershops and Beauty Parlors.

**MOTION TO TABLE:**      Eason                      **SECOND:**      Jones-Bell

**Council President Williams announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas:** Corbitt, Eason, Jones-Bell, Marable and Williams

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Absences:** Abdul-Rasheed and Gaunt-Butler

**Council President Williams ruled the motion was carried by Five Yeas; No Nays; No Abstentions and Two Absent.**

**ORDINANCES TABLED FROM AUGUST 7, 2013 REGULAR MEETING:****22-2013      REMAINED TABLED**

An ordinance setting forth an employee tuition reimbursement policy and guidelines of 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:**

**45-2013      An ordinance to amend Chapter 51 (Alcoholic Beverages) of the Code of the City of Orange Township requiring the use of security cameras outside Alcoholic Beverage Establishments.**

**Motion to Adopt with Various AMENDMENTS on the First Reading:**

**Motion:** Corbitt

**Second:** Jones-Bell

**Council President Williams announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas:** Corbitt, Eason, Jones-Bell, Marable and Williams

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Absences:** Abdul-Rasheed and Gaunt-Butler

**Council President Williams ruled the motion was carried by Five Yeas; No Nays; No Abstentions and Two Absent.**

**On the motion, Council President Williams for clarification with various amendments requests Dan Smith, City Attorney to amend said Ordinance and provide a copy to the Clerk's Office.**

Further discussion ensued between Council Members regarding hour of operation for the cameras.

**a)      Public Hearing November 18, 2013**

**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.**

**Deputy Clerk Smith stated these resolutions have been Removed for a Separate Vote as follows: 337-2013, 339-2013, 342-2013 and 343-2013**

**RESOLUTIONS: \*335-2013, \*336-2013, \*338-2013, \*340-2013, \*341-2013, \*344-2013  
–\*347-2013**

Council President Williams entertained a motion to **Suspend the Rules and ADD Resolution 348-2013** on the Consent Agenda.

**Motion: Jones-Bell**

**Second: Corbitt**

**Council President Williams announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas:** Corbitt, Eason, Jones-Bell, Marable and Williams

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Absences:** Abdul-Rasheed and Gaunt-Butler

**Council President Williams ruled the motion was carried by Five Yeas; No Nays; No Abstentions and Two Absent.**

- \*335-2013** A resolution authorizing the refund of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2011 and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2013 taxes paid due to an overpayment in the total amount of \$266.50.
- \*336-2013** A resolution authorizing the refund of water and sewer charges in the sum of \$524.52.
- \*338-2013** A resolution certifying compliance with the Directive of the Division of Local Finance Department of Community Affairs, regarding the Annual Audit for the Calendar Year 2012.
- \*340-2013** A resolution appointing Gesner Constant, Sr. to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for the upcoming Calendar Year.
- \*341-2013** A resolution celebrating the life of Gennaro Valvano. (Sponsored by Hon. Hassan Abdul-Rasheed)
- \*344-2013** A resolution proclaiming the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Orange Township, New Jersey (Sponsored by Municipal Council)

- \*345-2013 A resolution in support of National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sponsored by Municipal Council)
- \*346-2013 A resolution proclaiming October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- \*347-2013 A resolution proclaiming October as Fire Prevention Month.
- \*348-2013 A resolution re-appointing Coram J. Rimes, Orange New Jersey as a Commissioner Member to the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey for a term of five (5) years.

**MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA:****Motion:** Corbitt**Second:** Eason**Council President Williams announced the roll call as follows:****Yeas:** Corbitt, Eason, Jones-Bell, Marable and Williams**Nays:** None**Abstentions:** None**Absences:** Abdul-Rasheed and Gaunt-Butler**Council President Williams ruled the motion was carried by Five Yeas; No Nays; No Abstentions and Two Absent.**

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

- \*337-2013 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to transfer funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2013 to the Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2012.

**Motion:** Corbitt**Second:** Eason

**On the motion,** Councilman Marable asked the Finance Director, Mr. Adrian Mapp to provide a recommendation and clarification of said resolution.

Director Mapp, shared his opinion on said resolution clarifying that it is not a recommendation.

Council President Williams requested from Mapp and Mayes to submit all findings to the Council.

**Council President Williams announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas:** Corbitt, Eason, Jones-Bell and Williams

**Nays:** Marable

**Abstentions:** None

**Absences:** Abdul-Rasheed and Gaunt-Butler

**Council President Williams ruled the motion was carried by Four Yeas; One Nay; No Abstentions and Two Absent.**

**\*339-2013 A resolution approving the Bill List for council meeting vote on October 15, 2013 dated October 9, 2013 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$401,206.30)**

**Motion to Adopt as AMENDED: Corbitt Second: Eason**

**On the motion, Council President Williams removed said items from the bill list: Pg.1 - \$85.00; Pg.3 - \$311.82; Pg.10 - \$66.00; 23.95, 409.33; Pg.13 - \$6,770. (Total of items removed: \$8262.01)**

**AMENDED GRAND TOTAL: \$392,944.20**

**Council President Williams announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas:** Corbitt, Eason, Jones-Bell and Williams

**Nays:** Marable

**Abstentions:** None

**Absences:** Abdul-Rasheed and Gaunt-Butler

**Council President Williams ruled the motion was carried by Four Yeas; One Nay; No Abstentions and Two Absent.**

**Council President Williams entertained a Motion to Hold a Closed Executive Session to discuss Resolutions 342-2013 and 343-2013.**

**Motion to hold a Closed Executive Session:**

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

**Council President Williams entertained a Motion to ADD Resolution 349-2013 to Hold an Executive Closed Session for Personnel Matters.**

**Motion: Corbitt Second: Jones-Bell**

**Council President Williams announced the roll call as follows:**



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**Yeas:** Corbitt, Eason, Jones-Bell and Williams

**Nays:** Marable

**Abstentions:** None

**Absences:** Abdul-Rasheed and Gaunt-Butler

**Council President Williams ruled the motion was carried by Four Yeas; One Nay; No Abstentions and Two Absent.**

**\*342-2013 TABLED**

A resolution rejecting the appointment of Michael A. Hackett, Esq. as Temporary Judge of the Orange Municipal Court.

**Motion to Table:** Marable

**Second:** Corbitt

**Council President Williams announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas:** Corbitt, Eason, Jones-Bell, Marable and Williams

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Absences:** Abdul-Rasheed and Gaunt-Butler

**Council President Williams ruled the motion was carried by Five Yeas; No Nays; No Abstentions and Two Absent.**

**\*343-2013 A resolution rejecting the appointment of Tyshammie Cooper as Business Administrator for the City of Orange Township.**

**Motion:** Corbitt

**Second:** Jones-Bell

**Council President Williams announced the roll call as follows:**

**Yeas:** Eason, Jones-Bell, Marable and Williams

**Nays:** Corbitt

**Abstentions:** None

**Absences:** Abdul-Rasheed and Gaunt-Butler

**Council President Williams ruled the motion was carried by Four Yeas; One Nay; No Abstentions and Two Absent.**

**12) OTHER PENDING BUSINESS****13) MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

**Adjournment Time:** 12:08AM

**Passed on October 15, 2013**

**Conference Meeting on October 1, 2013.**

**Motion to Adopt: Jones-Bell                      Second: Corbitt**

**Council President Williams announced the roll call as follows:**

**Councilwoman Eason cannot vote.**


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

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: Abdul-Rasheed and Gaunt-Butler**

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

  
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Madeline F. Smith, RMC  
Deputy Municipal Clerk

  
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Donna K. Williams  
Council President

Passed on October 15, 2013

Conference Meeting on October 1, 2013.

Motion to Adopt: Jones-Bell                      Second: Corbitt

Council President Williams announced the roll call as follows:

Councilwoman Eason cannot vote.

Yeas: Corbitt, Jones-Bell, Marable and Williams

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absences: Abdul-Rasheed and Gaunt-Butler

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