

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 18, 2016, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

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
Eric Pennington, Acting City Attorney
Renata Wooden, Acting 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

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 - None.

REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION -

Clerk's Office - September 2016 - \$88.40

Community Service - September 2016 - \$19,070.00

Department of Planning & Economic Development
September 2016 -\$48,985.00

CONSTABLE REPORTS - **Richard Noizy, No activities**

OPRA REQUESTS - **75 OPRA Received for the month of September 2016
57 completed and 18 pending**

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Councilman Jackson reported that he attended the showing of the 13th. The Library Board meeting of last week was scheduled for later this week. The Council President requested that the minutes of the Library Board be requested by Councilman Jackson so that the Council can review the minutes before the Council meetings. He also reported that the Planning Board had not had a meeting. Councilman Jackson reported on a meeting regarding Freeway Drive, presented by the Nishuane Group.
- Councilwoman Summers-Johnson reported that she attended the Breast Cancer Walk in Newark. Orange was represented by the orange Fire Department in their pink shirts. She reported she is working on the Education Committee. Councilwoman Summers-Johnson had asked the Superintendent of Schools to link the District's e-mail to the City website to get information from schools to the residents of Orange.
- Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk spoke about the current crime areas in the City and the efforts of the Police and the cameras that will be installed in certain areas of the city.
- Councilwoman Wooten reported she had spoken to the Housing Authority about phase 4 of the housing in Walter G Alexander and there will be a public meeting in the near future.

Council President directs Clerk to file reports

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Clerk Lanier reported that she was informed that an executive order had been signed to lift the ban on the Department of Transportation work.

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.

- Ms. Karen Wells commented that she does not agree with the hiring of outside planners for a city that only 2.2 square miles. She reported on other outside planners that had been hired in years before feeling it is a waste of the citizen's money. She also commented that the City doesn't need more Police it needs less crime. Ms. Wells felt that the Board of Education was trying to change the zoning in the only district that is housing. Money should not be going to the pool. She commented on areas that could use that money Ms. Wells also commented that the City website is an embarrassment.
- Mr. William Lewis agreed with Ms. Wells. Mr. Lewis once again commented on how the meeting should be held.
- Mr. Jeffery Feld thanked the Clerk's office for trying to get reports from the Administration, providing examples. Spoke about how the city business owners are not included in city business decisions. Spoke about Walter G permits not being seen by the Council. Commenting that there is no information on what the City could have earned on the Walter G property. Mr. Feld spoke of other concerns he had.
- Ms. Katelyn Gordon asked about the documents that had been destroyed during the flood. She asked the Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk for the list that he said he would try to get at the last meeting. Ms. Gordon commented on Resolution 319-2016 stating she was pleased that the contract stated when the work would start and end; but pointed out a flaw she found in the contract. Resolution 329-2016 regarding the Master Plan, she felt that it would be less expensive to have a full time planner then to hire a vendor. Spoke about the City Planner and the work he had done on the Master Plan.
- Mr. Arthur Griffer thanked Councilwoman Summer-Johnson on her comments about parent's participation with their children's School. He had seen an increase in parent's participation. Mr. Griffer spoke about the Master Plan and how it had been presented 10 years ago. The Board of Education had put together the first Master Plan. Spoke about the political things that were involved in the new Bond.
- Mr. Tyrone Tarver thanked the Council for putting the School Board members on a ballot. He commented that other towns that have done this have seen an improvement in their schools. Stated that he was looking forward to working with Councilwoman Summers-Johnson on the Education Board.
- Mr. and Mrs. Conner spoke about the drug dealing that is taking place on Central Place and Wilson Place. The store on that corner is a fence for the drug dealers. There are many stores on Main St. and these corner stores should not be allowed in residential areas. The City is no longer a family oriented city. Mrs. Conner commented that the new parking rules have people now parking in front of their house and they have nowhere to park. They want to be part of the solution to the city problems.
- Ms. Gloria Stewart commented that not everyone is a rocket scientist but you learn by doing and thanked the Council for their service. Needed more information of Resolution 320 2016 325, 326-2016 and 329-2016. Supported the elected Board of Education Members. Asked about the plan for the Crossing Guards. Suggested that Councilwoman

Summers-Johnson reach out to the PTA Presidents. The City should upkeep the historic buildings in Orange and would like to know what makes them historic. She spoke about the bond issue and the boilers that need to be replaced or repaired.

- A resident came to the podium and reported that after the election she had not seen a street sweeper in Orange; the streets are dirty. Tremont Place roads need repair and she was promised that it would be taken care of, but nothing has been done. The South Ward pays a lot of taxes and nothing gets done.

Motion to close citizen comments by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

The Motion was unanimously approved.

- Acting Director Mayes stated he would have to look into the street cleaning issue, the funds for the repaving the roads come from the state and that comes to 2 a year. There is a resolution to have the streets surveyed and then scheduled overtime. Washington and Dodd streets are being reported on in the near future. Councilman Coley stated that the Oakwood underpass needs to be cleaned.
- Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk stated that there was a process set forth by Statue that has to be satisfied before a building can be on the register. He reported on the status of new hired police. They would start the academy in January. He also gave a status on the Crossing Guards. Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk gave a summary on Resolution 320-2016, 325-2016, 326-2016 and 329-2016
- The Council President would bring Councilwoman Wooten up to date on the situation regarding Mr. and Mrs. Conner's issue. The Council President commented on permit parking and those issues. The Council President encouraged residents to look at the ballot questions before the election. The Council President addressed the Bond issue. Acting Director Mayes answered the question regarding recycling and demolition in the City. Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk reported that there was a list of items that were gathered for insurance purposes regarding equipment, damaged furniture and the building but many of the departments did not have a list of documents that were destroyed, but for those that did not have a document list, would provide a list as well as they could. Ordinance 54-2016 will be withdrawn for more attorney corrections.
- Councilwoman Summers-Johnson stated that once parents get involved the student scores will go up. She also spoke about the common core words and why they are repeated in different grades. Councilwoman Summers-Johnson provided her insight on when roads get paved and the proper steps to report problems that a resident feels should be addressed. She spoke about the free events in Orange and upcoming events taking place in Orange.

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

The Motion was unanimously approved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

**Motion to extend the meeting by Councilman Johnson, Councilman Jackson.
The Motion was unanimously approved.**

- Councilman Johnson spoke about concerns of the Highland station at night. The tunnel and the area around the station is a concern to commuters after dark. Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk will take this concern to the New Jersey Transfer who are in charge of security at the station and the tunnel.
- Councilwoman Eason agreed with Councilwoman Summers-Johnson regarding education and the core testing that is taking place in schools.
- Councilwoman Wooten spoke about the documentary 13th. She spoke about domestic violence month and a candle light ceremony that took place on October 24th in Montclair NJ.
- Council President Williams asked Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk if there were any updates on maintenance of abandoned properties. Acting Director Mayes took down the addresses of those properties that still needed maintenance. Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk provided information on questions that Council President Williams asked. Council President Williams praised the documentary 13th. She reported that the Council will be working together to bring more of these programs to the community.

ORDINANCES—SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING—None.

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/ FIRST READING

The City Clerk read Ordinance Number 53-2016 by Title.

53-2016 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled ‘Vehicles and Traffic’, Section 200-32 No Parking at All Times to provide adequate space in the area for emergency vehicles usage.

Motion that Ordinance 53-2016 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held November 14, 2016 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 City Clerk stated that Ordinance Number 54-2016 had been withdrawn.

54-2016 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 4, Section 63.2 entitled Public Works Committee.

Motion to suspend the rules by Councilman Coley, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Jackson,

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk stated that Resolution 332-2016 was requested to be added to the agenda and then she read it by title.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RATIFICATION OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP AND THE ORANGE POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL 89.

Motion to add Resolution 332-2016 to the agenda by Councilman Coley, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Jackson,

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk stated that Resolution 333-2016 was requested to be added to the agenda and then she read it by title.

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF CHRISTOPHER M. HARTWYK AS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR, TODD WARREN AS POLICE DIRECTOR, ERIC S. PENNINGTON, ESQ. AS CITY ATTORNEY AND RASHIDAH HASAN AS JUDGE OF THE ORANGE MUNICIPAL COURT ALL FOR THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP.

Motion to add Resolution 333-2016 to the agenda by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Johnson, Jr

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

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.

The Council President stated that 333-2016 would be removed for a separate vote and the Council will go into an executive session regarding that.

The Council President reported that Resolution 332-2016 had been in the lobby since the beginning of the meeting.

RESOLUTION NUMBERS *313-2016 - *-2016

- *313-2016** **A resolution authoring the tax collector to cancel the third quarter of 2016 in the amount of \$3,092.09 and partially cancel the fourth quarter of 2016 in the amount of \$520.85 for property located at 366-70 Berryman Place, Block 702, Lot 32 due to 100% disabled veteran status.**

- *314-2016** **A resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing to renew membership therein for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2021.**

- *315-2016** **A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers, 300 Penhorn Avenue, 3rd Floor, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094 to provide professional engineering services to prepare a Pavement Management Program (PMP) Report for the City of Orange Township in the amount not to exceed \$18,250.00.**

- *316-2016** **A resolution authorizing Primepoint HRMS & Payroll to process electronic payroll disbursements and payroll agency obligations for the City of Orange Township pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-17. Et Seq.**

- *317-2016** **A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1-Final to modify the contract for the project known as the Central Avenue Basketball Court Improvements for additional HMA base repair, segmental**

block DJ wall/pad, top soil fertilize and seed reseeding in the amount not to exceed \$11,056.25.

- *318-2016** A resolution amending Resolution No 70-2016 appointing Christopher Hartwyk as Fund Commissioner and Marty Mayes as Alternate Fund Commissioner for the public entity joint Insurance Fund.
- *319-2016** A resolution awarding an emergency contract to Michael Guerrieri, LLC, 117 S. Valley Road, West Orange, NJ 07052 for demolition of 397 Highland Terrace, in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.
- *320-2016** A resolution authorizing the acceptance of Community Development Grant Funds for the program year 2016.
- *321-2016** A resolution honoring Cynthia Walker and Start Out Fresh Intervention Advocates (S.O.F.I.A) for her years of service to the City of Orange Township Community.
- *322-2016** A resolution proclaiming the month of October 2016 as Hispanic Heritage Month.
- *323-2016** A resolution proclaiming the month of October as Youth Substance Use Disorder Prevention Month, 2016.
- *324-2016** A resolution Proclaiming the month of October 2016 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
- *325-2016** A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers, 300 Penhorn Avenue, 3rd Floor, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094 to provide professional engineering, design and construction inspection services for the demolition of the Campbell's Pond Pump Station located in the Essex County South Mountain Reservation in the amount not to exceed \$24,870.00.
- *326-2016** A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers, 300 Penhorn Avenue, 3rd Floor, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094 to provide professional engineering, design and construction inspection services for the structural rehabilitation of a bridge over Campbell's Pond in the South Mountain Reservation located in Millburn Township in the amount not to exceed \$41,190.00.

- *327-2016** **A resolution to accept grant funds from the United States Department of Justice for the 2016 Cops Hired Program (CHP).**
- *328-2016** **A resolution authorizing the issuance of a raffle license for Saint John’s Catholic Church.**
- *329-2016** **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.**
- *330-2016** **A resolution to approve the Corrective Action Plan for calendar year 2015. (Removed from the agenda)**
- *331-2016** **A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on October 18, 2016 dated October 14, 2016 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 2,556,704.22). (Removed for separate vote)**
- *332-2016** **A resolution authorizing ratification of the collective bargaining Agreement between the City of Orange Township and the Orange Police Benevolent Association Local 89.**
- *333-2016** **A resolution confirming the appointments of Christopher M. Hartwyk as Business Administrator, Todd Warren as Police Director, Eric S. Pennington, ESQ. as City Attorney and Rashidah Hasan as Judge of the Orange Municipal Court all for the City of Orange Township. (Removed for separate vote)**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda 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.

The Clerk read Resolution 331-2016 by title.

A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on October 18, 2016 dated October 14, 2016 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 2,556,704.22).

Motion to adopt Resolution 331-2016 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Coley.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Johnson, Jr.,

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

Motion to enter into Executive Session by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Wooten

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

Motion to enter into Executive Session by Councilman Coley, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries

Upon coming out of Executive Session the Clerk read Resolution 333-2016 by title.

A resolution confirming the appointments of Christopher M. Hartwyk as Business Administrator, Todd Warren as Police Director, Eric S. Pennington, ESQ. as City Attorney and Rashidah Hasan as Judge of the Orange Municipal Court all for the City of Orange Township.

Motion to adopt Resolution 333-2016 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Coley.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Coley, Eason, Summers-Johnson, Wooten, Williams

Nays: Jackson, Johnson, Jr

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS None.

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS None.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Johnson Jr., seconded by Councilman Jackson.

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 11:25 P.M

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
Municipal Clerk

Donna K. Williams
Council President