

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, NOVEMBER 1, 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, Business Administrator
Eric Pennington, 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
Tod Warren, Police Director

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.

By consensus the Motion to approve the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from September 20, 2016 by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilman Coley.

Council President Williams stated she had inquired about the Acting Director positions asking if those individuals in those positions would have to come back to the Council in a July that has a Mayoral election to be re-appointed into those position.
The City Attorney will provide an answer by the next Council meeting.

REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION – None

CONSTABLE REPORTS: **None.**

OPRA REQUESTS **None.**

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Councilwoman Wooten stated that she would have an answer regarding the lot on Central place by next week. There will be an open meeting regarding phase four at a future date.
- Acting Fire Director Douglas provided a revenue report for the Council and an activity report of fires, accidents and other incidents that the Fire Department responded to. He reported that the Fire Department is still installing smoke detectors to residents. They had created door hangers with information for the residents, describing how the door hangers will help the residents with the check list that the door hangers have on them.
- Mr. Jenkins the Essex County Liaison to Orange gave his report on events in Essex County.
- Police Director Todd Warren reported on the street crime for the month of October He reported that the Pal Program takes place on Tuesdays and Thursday at 6:30, Saturdays from 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. at the Rec Center for children ages 4 through 13. Director Warren gave an update on the Re-Entry Program. Director Warren answered questions from the Governing Body.
- Councilman Jackson stated that the Library Board only has 5 of the 9 members to conduct business. He will provide the minutes from the Library meeting to the Clerk's Office.
- Council Members made public announcements for residents.

Council President direct Clerk to file reports

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Mr. Jenkin, County Liaison to Orange.

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. Morrison from East Orange, questioned why there is no parking for 4 days on some streets in Orange. The Acting BA commented that all parking regulations are currently under review. Councilman Coley commented that if he lives in East Orange then he should be speaking to that Council about removing parking restrictions.
- Mr. Lewis commented on how the Council should run their meetings.
- Ms. Walker spoke about her organization ‘Halfway Toward Peace’ and how it helps communities within the State.
- Mr. Feld spoke about freedom of speech. Spoke about walk-on resolutions. Spoke about the lack of information regarding contracts. Commented about the City Audit.
- Ms. Gordon asked about garbage collection times. Questioned contracts on the agenda. Questioned the Public Works committee’s member’s replacements. Questioned Acting Business Administrator Hartwyk about the list of documents lost due to the flood last year and recycling cost. Questioned other city things.
- Mr. Tyrone Tarver announced that there would be an Education Town Hall meeting at the Lincoln Avenue School the following day. Reported on the sources that he had for his comments regarding the level of education that students are getting in the Orange Schools which he had presented at a prior Council meeting. He reported that the National Association of College Admissions are going to build a national database for School Districts to track when students graduate, when they take college exams and how much education the students are missing.

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

The Motion was unanimously approved.

Responses to some questions.

- Attorney Pennington stated he could meet with the resident that questioned the garbage collection time but not to give legal advice.
- Business Administrator Hartwyk stated that a draft had been made in the budget to hire another mechanic and reported on repair schedules that had been drawn up for cars and equipment.
- The Council President stated that Council Members are appointing new people to the Public Works Committee. Business Administrator Hartwyk spoke about the demolition contracts and recycling of material. Business Administrator Hartwyk stated that regarding the list of damages from the flood there are bins with damaged documents in them. The city cannot compile a list of those documents because the documents are molded and a specialized company needs to be hired to handle those documents and scan them, then we will make a list. The Council President asked if the best practice list been submitted to the State and had it come for review and discussion.

- Acting Finance Director Map stated the Best Practices report was submitted to the State in October. There is no requirement to have a public forum on the report. The Council President requested that the first meeting in December there be a public discussion on the report.
- Mr. McEnerney discussed some of the aspects of the audit that were questioned.
- The Council President requested that the Business Administrator provide information regarding the bulk tax sale that took place in May 2015 and to work with the City Attorney on some legal questions that were asked by the Council regarding that sale.
- The Council President asked the Acting Finance Director if he had received any payments from Tony Galanto. Acting Finance Director Mapp stated he would have to get back to the Council with an answer.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilwoman Summers-Johnson spoke about the break-ins in the South Ward and what her neighborhoods have done to prevent them. She spoke about what kind of Education Committee she is going to have and what kind it will not be. Spoke of events that she attended.
- Councilman Coley reminded everyone to vote.
- Councilwoman Eason reported Taco Bell is having a ribbon cutting the following Friday night. Reminded residents to vote.
- Councilman Johnson, Jr. spoke about vendors that are coming door to door in Orange without a soliciting license from the City. Asked that the City code be reviewed to determine if it applied to this situation.
- Councilwoman Wooten asked everyone to vote on Election Day. She reported on the Friday night reading at the Orange Library and the events that took place there.
- Council President Williams reported that there was calendars that were made for expecting mothers. They were placed on the desk outside for the residents. She reminded all residents to vote.

Motion to extend the meeting past 10:30 P.M. 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–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

None

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/ FIRST READING

The Clerk read Ordinance 55-2016 by Title.

55-2016 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces (253 Hickory Street).

Motion that Ordinance 55-2016 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held December 6, 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.

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 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*334-2016-*346-2016

***334-2016 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 2015.**

***335-2016 A resolution authoring the tax collector to cancel the fourth quarter of 2013 property taxes in the amount of \$3,604.35 for property located at 386 Clarendon Place, Block 4902, Lot 3 due to exempt property status. . (Withdrawn by Administration)**

***336-2016 A resolution authorizing the tax collector to cancel the full year of 2015 property taxes in the amount of \$10,028.52 for property located at 396 Clarendon Place, Block 4902, Lot 2 due to exempt property status.**

***337-2016 A resolution authorizing a performance bond release for White Castle System, Inc., Block 3801, Lot 1.**

***338-2016 A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Carroll Engineering, 105 Raider Boulevard, Suite 206, Hillsborough, New Jersey 08844 to provide engineering services associated with the design, plans and**

specifications for the installation of a generator at Wells No. 3 and 4 for an amount not to exceed \$49,050.00. . **(Withdrawn by Administration)**

***339-2016** A resolution awarding a contract to Select Auto Service, Inc., 52 Washington Street, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 for vehicle maintenance and repairs to all city owned vehicles and equipment for one (1) year commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in the amount not to exceed \$97,570.00.

***340-2016** A resolution awarding a contract to Smith Boring Auto Parts, Inc., 10 Elm Street, Montclair, New Jersey 07042 for the purchase of automotive parts for two (2) years commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00 per year

***341-2016** A resolution authorizing for the purchase of one (1) 2017 Ford Explorer 4WD base under State Contract #A83013 for the City of Orange Public Works Department to Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960 in an amount not to exceed \$28,221.50 **(Removed for a separate vote)**

***342-2016** A resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Grant Program.

***343-2016** A resolution authorizing ratification of a contract with Millennium Strategies, LLC, 60 Roseland Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006, as grant consultant for the City of Orange Township for the period commencing January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. . **(Withdrawn by Administration)**

***344-2016** A resolution ratifying a contract for professional services for special appellate counsel to represent the City of Orange Township with regard to appellate litigation pursuant to non-fair and open process. . **(Withdrawn by Administration)**

***345-2016** A resolution to approve the Corrective Action Plan for calendar year 2015.

***346-2016** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on November 1, 2016 dated October 28, 2016 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 2,907,983.73) **(Removed for separate vote)**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Councilman Coley., 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 341-2016 by Title.

341-2016 A resolution authorizing for the purchase of one (1) 2017 Ford Explorer 4WD base under State Contract #A83013 for the City of Orange Public Works Department to Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960 in an amount not to exceed \$28,221.50

Motion to approve Resolution 341-2016 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Councilman Johnson stated that there is better uses of the Bond money and he will not support the resolution.

Councilman Coley asked if the truck will have the City Seal on the truck. It will have the city seal by city ordinance.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Johnson, Jr.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Resolution 346-2016 by Title.

346-2016 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on November 1, 2016 dated October 28, 2016 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 2,907,983.73)

Motion to approve Resolution 346-2016 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Councilman Johnson asked the Administration about a vendor on page 6.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Johnson, Jr.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS None.

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS The Comcast Cable contract will be reviewed at the next Council meeting.

Motion to have an Executive Session by Councilwoman Wooten, seconded by Councilman Coley to discuss personnel matters and Police security.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Johnson, Jr.,

Motion Carries.

Motion to go into Executive Session by Councilman Coley, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Johnson, Jr., Jackson (not in the room)

Motion Carries.

Went into Executive Session at 10:45 P.M.

Returned from Executive Session at 11:30 P.M.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Coley, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 11:30 P.M

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
Municipal Clerk

Donna K. Williams
Council President