

**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 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015, 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 Elroy A. Corbitt, At-Large  
Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, North Ward  
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West Ward  
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson., South Ward  
Councilwoman Donna K. Williams, At-Large (arrived @ 7:45)  
Council President April Gaunt-Butler, At-Large

**Also Present:**

Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk  
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director  
Dan Smith, City Attorney  
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk,  
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director,  
Captain Webster, Representing Police  
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer  
Marty Mayes, Director of DPW

**Absent:**

Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West Ward,  
Kevin Harris, Legislative Research Officer

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 16, 2015, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES MEETINGS**

October 6, 2015 Conference & Regular Minutes

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason to approve the Conference and Regular meeting minutes.**

By consensus the Regular and Conference meeting minutes were approved.

**REPORTS:**

**None**

**CONSTABLE REPORTS-**

**None**

**OPRA REQUESTS**

**None**

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson reported that the Library had a meeting on how to keep the children safe on the Halloween weekend.

Fire Director Douglas reported that October was fire prevention month. 475 Smoke detectors were given out and schools were visited. The Fire House will be doing the Gift of Giving again this year and a toy drive. He provided status on new fire equipment. Director Douglas answered questions from the Council.

Councilwoman Eason reported that White Castle is closed.

The Chair directed the Deputy Clerk to file the 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.”

The following residents and business owners made comments.

Mr. William Lewis spoke about the hardships of getting mortgages. Mr. Lewis offered his class for newly elected officials. Mr. Lewis was concerned about parking issues that may arise with the complex behind the Post Office.

Mr. Jeffery Feld commented that the salary and wage information was not attached to The bill list. Requested the Court Date for the next Willis Edwards matter.

Mr. Ramsey Nazra commented about the ordinance that would repeal the similar business store restriction. He would like the Council to approve the ordinance.

Mr. Joshua Sadoski commented that the amount on the bill list that is being paid for the YMCA seems high for a facility that has no activity. Will there be a presentation regarding the YWCA? Questioned the escrow fee for the city hospital and will there be a presentation on that space.

Ms. Gloria Stewart asked about the grant to keep the Library open. Wanted more information on Resolutions 262 263 265 and 266. Ms. Stewart commented that the transmission of the Committee meetings are not up to standards considering the money that the city is paying for that service.

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to close the citizen comments.**

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Responses to resident's questions and concerns.

Director Mayes commented that the Reginal Planning was done by the Planning and Zoning Boards.

Ms. Lascari said that she was not in to add the salary and wages to the bill list. When asked if she had a backup when she is not in, Ms. Lascari stated that Mr. Mapp did provide some support but she was not sure if he had time to review the bill list.

Director Mayes could not answer questions on the YWCA. The hospital site is moving along and plans are being reviewed.

Council President Gaunt-Bitler stated that a presentation on the YWCA would be on the following Monday by the Administration. Director Mayes provided information on some the resolutions that were brought up in citizen's comments.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson reported that on November 8<sup>th</sup> the city would have its Veteran's Day parade. The residents should visit the Turtle Back Zoo with their children. She commented that the Council needs to think about helping the residents be educated voters and encourage residents to vote in every election not just the Presidential and Mayoral ones.

Councilwoman Eason encouraged the resident to come to the Veteran's Day Parade and march to thank our troops. Councilwoman Eason commented that she would not support that ordinance which repeals the similar business ordinance.

Councilwoman Williams commented that the Edwards's court date was November 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in the morning. Spoke to Director Mayes about trucks that come off route 280 and plans for Colgate Park.

Councilman Coley asked about the public meeting for the Y and the law concerning members of the council being there if 4 or more show up. Asked questions regarding litigations that is currently going on. Questioned the Police Overtime budget. Mr. Mapp stated that information is in the financial reports that are provided to the Council on a monthly bases. Reported on a community meeting that would be taking place.

Councilman Corbitt questioned Director Mayes regarding some catch basins. Questioned the use of the YWCA for a birthday party if there were no staff for functions to take place. Director Mayes could not give a reason. Regarding the ordinance on similar businesses, he will vote against the new ordinance that would rescind the original ordinance. Councilman Corbitt commented about the low voter turnout.

Council President Gaunt-Butler spoke about recent events in Irvington. The Council President reported that the new parking meters are taking money until 9:00 P.M. and she feels that is too late. Council President Gaunt-Butler asked when the Administration would be doing a presentation before the Governing Body. She also stated that the public presentation should have been after the presentation to the Governing Body.

### **ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

The Clerk read Ordinance 51-2015 by Title.

**51-2015 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. (443 Lakeside Avenue)**

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 51-2015.

Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

**Motion by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, to close the public hearing.**

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason, to adopt Ordinance Number 51-2015.**

#### **Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Summers-Johnson, Williams, Gaunt-Butler

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Johnson, Jr.

**Motion Carries.**

The Clerk read Ordinance 52-2015 by Title.

**52-2015 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 (400 Highland Terrace, Apt. 4B)**

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 52-2015.

Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to close the public hearing.**

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason, to adopt Ordinance Number 52-2015.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Summers-Johnson, Williams, Gaunt-Butler

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Johnson, Jr.

**Motion Carries.**

**ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**

The City Clerk read Ordinance Number 53 -2015 by Title.

**53-2015 An ordinance repealing and rescinding Ordinance 14-2013 in its entirety and abolishing the restrictions requiring minimum distances from similar or identical uses within the C-1A and C-2 Zoning Jurisdictions (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams and the Orange City Council).**

**Motion by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Coley that Ordinance 53-2015 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held December 1, 2015**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Williams,  
Nays: Corbitt, Eason, Summers-Johnson, Gaunt-Butler  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: Johnson, Jr.

**Motion Fails.**

The City Clerk read Ordinance Number -2015 by Title.

**54-2015 An ordinance to amend Chapter 156 Property Maintenance, entitled “Violations and Penalties” of the Code of the City of Orange Township.**

**Councilwoman Eason found some dollar amount errors in the ordinance.  
Mr. Mayes answered questions from the Governing Body.**

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, that Ordinance 54-2015 be introduced on first reading as amended and that the public hearing would be held December 1, 2015**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Summers-Johnson, Williams, Gaunt-Butler  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: Johnson, Jr.

**Motion Carries.**

**Motion by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Eason to suspend the rules for Resolution 268-2015 to be added to the agenda.**

The Clerk read Resolution 268-2015 by Title.

**A resolution to insert a special item of revenue and an appropriation of an equal amount in the calendar year 2015 budget for the State fiscal year 2015 State Body Armor Replacement Fund Program.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Summers-Johnson, Williams, Gaunt-Butler  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: Johnson, Jr.

**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.

**Motion by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.  
to approve the Consent Agenda (with the corrections as noted)**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Summers-Johnson, Williams, Gaunt-Butler  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: Johnson, Jr.

**Motion Carries.**

**RESOLUTIONS NO. \*262-2015\*267-2015**

- \*262-2015 A resolution authorizing awarding of a contract for the Central Avenue Basketball Courts Improvements to Zenith Constructions Services, Inc. 385 Thomas Blvd, Orange, New Jersey 07050 in the amount not to exceed \$171,510.00**
- \*263-2015 A resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant totaling \$15,215.00 from the County of Essex, Division of Senior Services for the partial funding of a senior citizen public health nurse.**
- \*264-2015 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange to enter into a contractual agreement with Rosario Zambrano, M.D. for physician services in the Tuberculosis Control Clinic for Children in the Orange Health Department in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00.**
- \*265-2015 A resolution awarding a contract to Air Systems Maintenance Inc., 718 Jefferson Avenue, Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033, for heating and air conditioning maintenance services, at the Freddie Polhill Law & Justice Complex, 25-29 Park Street, Orange, New Jersey in the amount not to exceed \$46,019.00.**
- \*266-2015 A resolution to authorize the Mayor or his designee at the Orange Police Department to apply for and accept the State Fiscal Year 2015 State Body Armor Replacement Fund (BARF) Program, and to use said grant monies to purchase of bullet proof vests for Officers hired in the future.**
- \*267-2015 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on November 4, 2015 dated October 30, 2015 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 4,634,599.57)**
- \*268-2015 A resolution to insert a special item of revenue and an appropriation of an equal amount in the calendar year 2015 budget for the State fiscal year 2015 State Body Armor Replacement Fund Program.**

The Clerk reported that page 11 of the settlement for the YWCA was at one point 8,776.49 it is now 3,186.00 and has been amended.

The Clerk read Resolution 267-2015 by title.

**267-2015** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on November 4, 2015 dated October 30, 2015 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 4,629,009.08)

**Motion to approve Resolution 267-2015 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.**

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: Gaunt-Butler

Abstain: None.

Absent: Johnson, Jr.

**Motion Carries.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilwoman Eason asked Mr. Mapp is November the time to start Budget Transfers. Mr. Mapp stated that she was correct.

Mr. Mayes reported that he went out to bid for the New Jersey Historic Trust Bond to help pay for a new roof for City Hall.

**OTHER PENDING BUSINESS None.**

**Motion to adjourn by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.**

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M

*JOYCE L. LANIER*

*APRIL GAUNT-BUTLER*

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

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**April Gaunt-Butler**  
**Council President**

\*\*Original Copy of the Minutes can be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk.