

THIS WAS A CONFERENCE 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 ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016 AT 7:06 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilman Kerry Coley, East Ward
Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, North Ward (arrived @ 7:06)
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
Margaret 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

Absent: Councilman Christopher Jackson, At-Large

The City Clerk asked all to stand for a Moment of Silence.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General item shall sign on (1) book. Each person signing the book will be allowed to speak for maximum of five (5) minutes.

Sunshine Law

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 14 July 2016, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk

3) MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

• **Proclamation for Thelma Smith- Honorable Summers-Johnson**

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson presented the Proclamation for Mrs. Thelma Smith life accomplishment's to Mrs. Smith's family. The Council was thanked by Mrs. Smith's daughter.

Council President Williams stated that there would be a surprise Proclamation to a Pastor that had served Orange for many years.

Councilman Coley read and presented the Proclamation to Reverend Hughes. Reverend Hughes thanked the Council for the proclamation and was honored to reserve. Each Council Member said go bye and thanked him for his service.

- **Report - Pilot Update - Janice Ledley, Finance Department**

Ms. Ledley reported that as of 11/9/2016 the City had received 2,081,579. in PILOT revenue. City anticipated 1,947,527. She reported that there were three (3) new PILOTs on the books which was why the received amount was higher than the anticipated.

Ms. Ledley summarized the 2016 PILOT revenue report that had been passed out and then provided information on the years 2014 and 2015 and how much had been received in those years.

Ms. Ledley reported to the Council Members the process she uses to have the PILOTs payments made to the City on time.

- **Library update**

Mr. Tumor Davis, Director of the Library reported that the Library Audit was not complete and there would have to be an increase in the audit cost of up to \$15,000.00. There had not been an audit done in the Library since 2011. He reported that all records have been turned over to Federal Authorizes.

Mr. Davis reported on current revenue and where it is coming from. Mr. Davis gave a current count of Library Board members and of meetings that had taken place. Mr. Davis had given the Council a copy of the 2017 Budget for the Library. Mr. Davis spoke of positions at the Library that needed to be filled. Mr. Davis reported to the Council that the Library had not had a book keeper since May and he had been trying to keep up the books. Councilwoman Eason asked if the book keeper position was in the budget and what steps had been taken to hire someone. Mr. .Davis stated that the position is hired by the Board of Trustees not the Director. Mr. Davis answered yes that the Library Board was doing minutes of their meetings. Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented that Library Board Members should have been present for this meeting. She stated that the next time Mr. Davis is giving a report she wants all board members to attend. Councilman Coley asked who appoints the Library Board Members. Director Davis stated that the Mayor appoints the members.

Council President Williams asked the BA and the City Attorney to do the following things regarding the library. Have a conversation regarding the Library Board appointments and look into the issues of hiring a book keeper and a status of the Friends of the Library.

The resolutions and ordinances to be presented at tonight's meeting are listed on the attached Regular Meeting Agenda. If any Council Member wishes to discuss any resolution or ordinance, it may be discussed at this time.

The City Clerk announced that Ordinance 57-2016 withdrawn by administration and Resolution 360-2016 withdrawn by administration.

Mr. Johnson, Bond Council to the City of Orange came to the podium and reported that the pool at the Rec Center had been removed from the Bond Ordinance. The bond excludes the pool and demolition of properties with the Historic Preservation and property acquisitions. The bond is for projects that the SDA would not fund.

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 8:27 P.M.

Approved:

**Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk**

**Donna K. Williams
Council President**