

**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 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 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 @ 7:15)  
Council President April Gaunt-Butler, At-Large

**Also Present:** Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk  
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director  
Avram White, City Attorney  
Kevin Harris, Legislative Research Officer  
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk,  
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director,  
John Wade, Acting Police Director  
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer (arrived @ 7:10)  
Marty Mayes, Director of DPW

**Absent:** None.

The City Clerk announces that the requirement of N.J. S.A. 10:4-9 et. seq., The Sunshine Law had been met. A notice of this meeting was sent to the Record-Transcript and published in the Star Ledger 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 20, 2015 Conference & Regular Minutes**

**Motion to approve the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from October 20, 2015 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.** By consensus the Regular and Conference meeting minutes were approved.

**November 4, 2015- Special Meeting** (Council members Johnson, Jr. & Williams cannot vote, because they were not present.)

**Motion to approve the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from November 4, 2015 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.**

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion carries.**

**REPORTS:**

Clerk's Office-Month of October 2015-Total; \$125.25

**CONSTABLE REPORTS-**

- Darnell Brodie-Month of September 2015- No activity
- Richard Noisy-Month of October 1 and October 15, 2015 Security service for Pro Cops-

**OPRA REQUESTS**

- Month of October 2015- 42 OPRA received, 53 of the 75 items were completed. 22 pending.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilman Corbitt had Acting Director Wade address the Council.

1. Acting Director Wade gave a security report of the City of Orange.
  - Reported on additional Police coverage at City sporting events and community events.
  - Reported on a shooting at a City club stating the shooting happened within the club.
2. Fire Director Douglas reported on fires that had taken place in the City.
  - The Director reported that the Fire Department did not receive a grant that they had applied for. Director Douglas gave a report on the Ladder truck for the Fire Department. The Director answered questions from the Council Members.
3. A representative from PSE&G reported on future electrical outages for needed underground repairs to circuits. A list of streets were provided. Questions were answered for the Council Members.
4. Councilwoman Williams reported that the Budget Consultant is preparing the EOY reports and it will be presented in December.

**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.

- Ms. Cynthia Johnson asked if she could walk with PSE&G when they inspect the circuits. The PSE&G representative would follow up with Ms. Johnson.
- Ms. Johnson commented on illegal foreclosures taking place in Orange by banks like J.P. Morgan Chase Bank. Realty Property Owners provide substandard repairs if any repairs on their properties and the city code enforcement did not help with the problems.
- Mr. William Lewis commented on the retired City Clerk payment issues. Mr. Lewis spoke about higher educated people being positive role models for Orange youth. Mr. Lewis asked where the grant was for the YWCA.
- Mr. Jeffery Feld commented on the meeting not being broadcast on channel 35. The Sunshine Law was not be followed by the Clerk's Office. Mr. Feld spoke about some documents that he wanted to review. Mr. Feld questioned the financing of the new Fire equipment. Mr. Feld reviewed other concerns he had.

**Motion by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, to close the citizen comments.**

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**Answers to some of the resident's questions:**

- Mr. Mayes could not comment on the foreclosures that occur in the city but would speak to Ms. Johnson.
- Attorney White commented that with regard to the Sunshine Law the Clerk's Office did comply with the law.
- Ms. Lascari, the CFO of the City, provided answers to Mr. Feld's questions on the Fire equipment.
- Mr. Mayes provided information on fees that the city would be changing. Mr. Mayes commented that he would remove the request for a raise in fees for further review.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- Councilwoman Summers-Johnson assured the resident that there was no liaison from the YWCA to the City. Many successful residents come to Career Day to positively influence the children. The children of Orange are doing great things. Councilwoman Summers-Johnson smartly dressed down the x-military resident for his emphasis of only people with higher education being good role models and his perception of their importance.
- Councilman Corbitt asked the residents to come to the meetings and give their opinions on the YWCA and if the city should buy it or not.
- Councilman Coley congratulated the Orange School District for getting the Middle State Accreditation for another 10 years. The Councilman asked the Clerk if she had received any documentation from the Administration regarding the Grant for the YWCA. The City Clerk reported that she had not.
  
- Councilman Johnson read a section on transparency that was on the Orange City website. The Councilman then provided examples of how the city has not responded to many questions.
  
- Councilwoman Williams asked Mr. Mayes if heating and cooling of City Hall was included in the Bond. Mr. Mayes stated it was not. Councilwoman Williams asked Mr. Harris to speak with the law department and DPW to look into truck routes and better signs for the truck routes. Councilwoman Williams commented that the administration stated at the Y presentation that a resolution would come before the Council to accept the grant. The Council President stated that the Mayor would be at the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to discuss the Y and she had requested from the Mayor documents that the Council could review at least a week before the meeting. The Council President stated that the Mayor had not mentioned any ordinances or resolutions for the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. The Councilwoman spoke about the Teen Summit and its success. Councilwoman Williams reported on the many Orange events that she had attended.
  
- Councilwoman Eason commented that the ad for a Business Administrator has been running. The Councilwoman commented that questions about the YWCA could have been answered at the presentation if people had shown up at that presentation. She had comments directed to Mr. Feld about his remarks about her and the demographics of Orange. She thanked Councilwoman Summers-Johnson for her comments. Councilwoman Eason spoke about the new parking meters and how they will help the businesses in the area. Ms. Eason spoke about the upcoming election and the Orange Democratic Committee meeting that took place.
  
- Council President Gaunt Butler reported that there would be a Health Market Insurance meeting at St. Mathews on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Congratulated the Orange Public Schools for being accredited. The Council President was clear that the upcoming elections cannot interfere with the Council's goals. These meetings will not be a platform for election speeches. The Council President asked for updates on a number of items from the CFO and Director Mayes for the next meeting.

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to close the citizen comments.** The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

**ORDINANCES—SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**

**Council President Gaunt Butler reported that Ordinance 55-2015 was postponed.**

**55-2015 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 88-1 entitled Fees for Certificates of Habitability (rentals) and Certificates of Occupancy (sales inspections).**

The City Clerk read Ordinance Number 56 -2015 by Title.

**56-2015 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 88, entitled fees to increase the revenue generated by the parking meters throughout the city.**

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason that Ordinance 56-2015 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held December 15, 2015.**

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

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.

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

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

**RESOLUTIONS NO. \*269-2015\*277-2015**

- \*269-2015** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to remove 556 Liberty Street from its existing City of Orange Township abandoned properties list.
- \*270-2015** A resolution authorizing Keane Electric Company, Inc., 622 Schuyler Avenue, North Arlington, NJ 07031 for traffic signal repairs in an amount not to exceed \$11,349.24.
- \*271-2015** A resolution authorizing payment to Gnote Electric, 22 Meadowbrook Place, Maplewood for emergency light repair at the Freddie Polhill Law & Justice Complex and bridge lighting at South Center Street in an amount not to exceed \$3,425.00.
- \*272-2015** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the central firehouse headquarters window cornice replacement to Billy Contracting & Restoration, Inc., 12 Maple Avenue, Building F, Pine Brook, New Jersey 07058 in the amount not to exceed \$224,000.00.
- \*273-2015** A resolution authorizing the tax collector to refund subsequent tax charges paid by the outside lien holder, MTAG Cust for ATCF II NJ, LLC for property known as 508 Glebe St., Block 3905, Lot 8 in the amount of \$17,979.69.
- \*274-2015** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to exercise Option #2 of the existing contract for emergency medical service in the City of Orange Township with Monmouth-Ocean Hospital Service Corporation period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 for the amount of Forty Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$45,600.00). **(Removed for separate vote)**
- \*275-015** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange to enter into a contractual agreement with Patrick Van Martin-Yeboah, MD for physician services in the Child Health Clinic in the Orange Health Department in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00
- \*276-2015** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange to enter into a contractual agreement with The Humane Societies to provide Animal shelter and other veterinary services for the City of Orange Township for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$70,814.90.
- \*277-2015** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on November 16, 2015 dated November 13, 2015 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 6,473,387.85). **(Removed for separate vote)**

**Items selected for Separate Votes:**

The Clerk read Resolution 274-2015 by Title.

**274-2015** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to exercise Option #2 of the existing contract for emergency medical service in the City of Orange Township with Monmouth-Ocean Hospital Service Corporation period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 for the amount of Forty Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars.

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams to approved Resolution 274-2015.**

**Councilman Coley was against this EMS service providing his reasons. Councilwoman Williams asked Fire Director Douglas if any other bids came in for this service. He stated that there were no other formal bids.**

**Councilman Johnson Jr. asked if this was a stop gap measure until something else comes down the road. Director Douglas stated it was.**

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Corbitt, Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Gaunt-Butler

Nays: Coley, Williams

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

The Clerk read Resolution 277-2015 by Title.

**277-2015** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on November 16, 2015 dated November 13, 2015 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 6,473,387.85).

**Motion by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason to approve Resolution 277-2015.**

Councilman Coley had questions which the City CFO answered.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: Gaunt-Butler

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

**NEW BUSINESS** None.

**OTHER PENDING BUSINESS** None.

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

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

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**Joyce L. Lanier**  
City Clerk

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**April Gaunt-Butler**  
Council President