

**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 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015 AT 7:01 P.M.**

**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  
Council President April Gaunt-Butler, At-Large

**Also Present:** Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk  
Dwayne Warren, Mayor  
Dan Smith, City Attorney  
Marlin Townes, Legislative Research Officer  
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk,  
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director,  
John Wade, Acting Police Director  
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer  
Marty Mayes, DPW Director

**Absent:**

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

*SPECIAL NOTICE:* Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall sign one (1) book. There will be two (2) columns in the book, one (1) for Agenda Items and one for General Issues. Each person signing the book will check Agenda items (Not including Public hearing/final adoption of ordinances) or General issues or both. If they check Agenda Items or General Issues or both, they will be allowed to speak for a 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 July 16, 2015, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Presentation regarding 395 Main Street**

- Council President Gaunt-Butler reported that Mayor Warren would be discussing the YWCA located at 395 Main Street, Orange, NJ.

- Mayor Warren reported that the YWCA of Orange has come up for sale. The building has been valued from 3 million to 1.8 million. The City can purchase the building at a discount. The City was given a price of 1.5 million dollars.
- The Mayor gave a summary of the City's actions to lease and then eventually buy the property in order to use it as a recreational, cultural and educational center for youth, seniors and other community activities. The City applied for a grant for 2.5 million dollars so the tax payers will not have to pay for the property. The Mayor and Mr. Willis Edwards provided the residents with the processes. The Mayor stated that the Council needs to approve a resolution that allows the state to move forward funding the project. Mayor Warren went over information on the processes that takes place after the City receives the grant money. The Mayor commented that the building can also be a revenue generator for the city. If all goes well, Mayor Warren hoped to have the building open for summer programs.
- The Mayor and Mr. Edwards took questions from the Council Members. After lengthy questions regarding the property and grant it was decided that on December 15<sup>th</sup> Administration would have another meeting to discuss how that building will be operating. Councilwoman Williams suggested a meeting before that Council meeting to discuss the many aspects of how to use that building.
- Councilman Coley questioned the special environmental testing that should be done. Director Mayes also provided information about inspections of the YWCA building. The Council President will forward a list of questions to the Administration.

**The Council President stated:**

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.

- Councilman Johnson brought up Resolution 285-2015 and suggested that the wording in the 5th whereas clause be changed from the word ‘redevelopment’ to ‘repairs and new equipment’ because that grant money has nothing to do with redevelopment The Mayor explained the reasons for the wording of that clause.
- Councilman Coley wanted a detailed breakdown of how the city would operate the YWCA.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilman Coley, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.**

**The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 7:59 P.M.**

**Approved:**

***JOYCE L. LANIER***

***APRIL GAUNT-BUTLER***

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**Joyce L. Lanier  
City Clerk**

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**April Gaunt-Butler  
Council President**

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