

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, DECEMBER 1, 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
Council President April Gaunt-Butler, At-Large

Also Present: Dwayne Warren, City Mayor
Joyce L. Lanier, City
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director (arrived @ 7:05)
Dan Smith, City Attorney
Warren Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Margaret Homere, Senior Clerk,
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director,
John Wade, Acting Police Director
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer
Marty Mayes, Director of DPW

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

The City Clerk reported that there were no minutes

REPORTS:

The City Clerk reported that there were no reports

CONSTABLE REPORTS-

- Mohamad Toure-Month of October 2015 –No activity

OPRA REQUESTS

The City Clerk reported that there was no OPRA report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Councilman Corbitt stated that Director Wade had the report for the Police Department.
- Director Wade gave an update on upcoming events for the Police Department. Spoke of the upcoming holidays and what the Police would be doing to protect residents for the holidays. Reported that the Police Department received a \$5,000.00 grant from the State.
- Director Douglas spoke about recent fires in Orange and gave helpful information regarding space heaters. Gave an update on the smoke detectors program by the fire department. Reported that this was the 10th year of the Gift to Give program and it fed over 500 residents for Thanks Giving. Director Douglas reported on holiday events at the fire department.
- Mr. Ike Jenkins from NJ Risk Management provided an update about the County’s holiday events. Gave a report about the flooding in Orange Park and suggested a meeting to resolve the situation. Mr. Jenkins answered questions from the Council Members.
- Councilwoman Williams gave the Finance Committee report stating that they had discussed the resolution for the transfer of funds. Councilwoman Williams gave the committee’s recommendations on some of the resolutions that were on the agenda.
- Ms. O’Hanlon, the Budget Consultant, gave a detailed report on the Annual report that was prepared by the Consulting firm. Ms. O’Hanlon answered questions from the Council Members.
- Councilwoman Williams suggested that the proposed resolutions for the transfer of funds be added to the agenda.

Motion to suspend the rules and add resolutions 286, 287,288 and 289-2015 to the agenda by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Councilman Corbitt requested reasons for some of the additional resolutions.
The sponsoring Council Members answered his questions.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Resolutions 286,287, 288 and 289 into the agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

The City Clerk reported that there were no communications or petitions.

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.

- A stakeholder asked if the Council had initiated a revenue and expense 5 year projection for the City. He believes the city is in trouble, providing his concerns.
- Mr. William Lewis, was not pleased with the YWCA presentation.
- Mr. Jeffery Feld spoke of articles he read in a law journal. The City is not watching how the taxpayer’s money is being spent. Mr. Feld spoke of other concerns.
- Mr. William Hathaway spoke about the benefits of going forward with the purchase of the YWCA building.
- Mr. Christopher Jackson asked if the residents would be able to review the information that the Council received from the Administration for the YWCA.
- Mr. Jackson agreed that the residents should pay a fee for the YWCA.
- Ms. Patricia Author commented that the figures the YWCA received for the repair of the pool was over \$700,000.00 not the \$200,000.00 that is being reported. There is no current budget for the YWCA. She suggested that the Administration get some grants to offset the cost of the repairs for the YWCA. There is mold in the building. It was reported years ago and had not been removed. She shared other concerns about the YWCA and how things were being handled.
- Mr. Chris King requested some ideas for students to make money during snow days when they are not in school.
- Mr. Joshua Salbolski agreed that residents should be charged to use the YWCA facilities. Asked why the city miss-budgeted so much money for gas and electric this year, and also stated that there is not enough information about the YWCA for residents.
- Ms. Gloria Stewart commented that she was happy that the Mayor was at the meeting. Ms. Stewart commented that perhaps if the city had a BA there would be less concerns then there is now. She had concerns about the new buildings that are going up and the parking spaces that will be needed. One and half parking spaces per apartment is not enough.

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

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Responses to some resident's questions and concerns.

- Mayor Warren reported that there was a revenue and expense 5 year projections done a few months ago. It is public and residents can get a copy from Mr. Mapp, the Finance Director.
- Mr. Mapp said that he does not see how the financial reports are incorrect so he cannot give a response to that. They were accurate at the time they were given. He would speak with Mr. Feld off line.
- The Mayor commented that part of the grant includes the resolution by the council and only at that time can it be finalized so once that is completed it goes to the State and they send back a full applications which has to be sign off myself and it will be available tomorrow.
- Mr. Mapp stated that the goal is to submit a budget on time and have it ready for the February submission.
- Mayor Warren stated that the Y will be part of the city's operations so revenue and expenses come through the council.
- Mayor Warren stated that the city had gone to a pool expert and that is where the pool repair amount came from.
- The Mayor and Council provided other answers to resident's concerns and questions.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilwoman Summers-Johnson had gone to a Fire Department event and provided some details.
- The Councilwoman provided the residents with her phone number and e-mail address if they wanted to get in touch with her. She asked the city attorney for an update on the bulk liens.
- The City Attorney could not give her an answer.
- Councilwoman Williams commented that there have been a number of recreation centers in Orange. The YWCA is not a new thing but a continuation of great recreational programs in Orange. The Councilwoman reported on the event called "A just and safe Orange" on Cleveland St.
- Councilman Johnson, Jr. commented that the public should have had more involvement with the YWCA. Perhaps if that had happened there would be less concern today by the residents.
- Councilman Corbitt hoped that the YWCA could be turned into recreation for all and make money for the city as well.
- Councilwoman Eason announced that St Matthews would have a children's clothing drive. The Councilwoman also remarked the stakeholders could lower their rents so people could afford to come to the City. The new parking meters should help businesses on Main St. because people cannot park their cars on the streets all day long.

- Councilman Coley spoke to the CFO regarding the Budget worksheets and it was reported that most departments had their worksheets in and the city was on target.
- Director Mayes reported that the salt dome was ready and the city would be ordering salt within the week.
- Council-President Gaunt-Butler reported that she attended the Fire House Thanks Giving celebration. The Council-President was very positive about what the YWCA could do for and bring to the city.

Motion by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Williams to close council comments.

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

54-2015 An ordinance to amend Chapter 156 Property Maintenance, entitled “Violations and Penalties” of the Code of the City of Orange Township. (Changed from \$100.00 to \$200.00)

The Clerk read Ordinance 54-2015 by Title.

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 54-2015.

Seeing no one else, the Chair declared the time closed.

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

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion by Council, seconded by Council, to adopt Ordinance Number 54-2015 as amended.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

ORDINANCES on INTRODUCTION

None

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 Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Eason to approve the Consent Agenda (Without Resolutions removed for a separate vote 278,283,284,285,287 and 288)

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTIONS NO. *278-2015*285-2015 -*289-2015

- *278-2015 A resolution for the transfer of appropriations. **(Removed for a separate vote.)**
- *279-2015 A resolution authorizing a refund for a construction permit payment in the amount of \$1,458.00 due to the fact that the owner incorrectly applied for the wrong amount of electrical subpanels at 249 Wallace Street, Orange, New Jersey.
- *280-2015 A resolution declaring 751 Vose Avenue to be a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment.
- *281-2015 A resolution to cancel certain grant receivable and appropriation balances.
- *282-2015 A resolution authorizing the employment of David C. Stanziale, LLC to provide legal counseling to the Orange Municipal Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of the City of Orange Township in matters as they relate to Alcoholic Beverage Control in an amount not to exceed \$5,040.00.
(Director Mapp recommended that the word ‘employment’ be changed to ‘contract to’)
- *283-2015 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on December 1, 2015 dated November 25, 2015 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 3,633,561.88) **(Removed for a separate vote.)**
- *284-2015 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 NJDCA Legislative Grant-in- Aid.(Mr. Mapp recommended that resolution 284 and 285 be switched) **(Removed for a separate vote.)**
- *285-2015 A resolution authorizing approval to submit and accept a grant from the Department of Community Affairs for the acquisition and development of the Orange Senior and Youth Recreation Center. **(Removed for a separate vote.)**
- *286-2015 A resolution celebrating the Life of Odessa Robinson.
- *287-2015 A resolution of the City of Orange Township in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey,

Authorizing an emergency appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-46 for Police Department salaries and wages and authorizing the issuance of emergency notes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-51. **(Removed for a separate vote.)**

***288-2015** A resolution to cancel 2015 current fund budget appropriation balance. **(Removed for a separate vote.)**

***289-2015 Resolution celebrating the life of Oliver Lofton, Esquire**

Motion to switch the resolution number 284-2015 with resolution number 285-2015 and have 285-2015 become 284-2015 by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Corbitt.

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

The Clerk read resolution 284-2015 and 285-2015 into the record for clarity.

284-2015 A resolution authorizing approval to submit and accept a grant from the Department of Community Affairs for the acquisition and development of the Orange Senior and Youth Recreation Center.

285-2015 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 NJDCA Legislative Grant-in-Aid

The Clerk read the resolution 282-2015 into the record for clarity.

282-2015 A resolution authorizing the contract to David C. Stanziale, LLC to provide legal counseling to the Orange Municipal Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of the City of Orange Township in matters as they relate to Alcoholic Beverage Control in an amount not to exceed \$5,040.00.

Motion to amend Resolution 282-2015 to read ‘contract to’ from ‘employment’ by Councilman Corbitt, second by Councilwoman Eason.

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

The Council removed the following for separate votes.

278-2015 A resolution for the transfer of appropriations.

Motion to approve Resolution 278-2015 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Johnson, Jr.,

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

283-2015 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on December 1, 2015 dated November 25, 2015 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 3,633,561.88)

Motion to approve Resolution 283-2015 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Gaunt-Butler

Abstain:

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

284-2015 A resolution authorizing approval to submit and accept a grant from the Department of Community Affairs for the acquisition and development of the Orange Senior and Youth Recreation Center.

Councilwoman Williams stated that she would abstain from voting on resolution 284 and 285.

Motion to approve Resolution 284-2015 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Nays:

Abstain: Williams

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

285-2015 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 NJDCA Legislative Grant-in-Aid

Motion to approve Resolution 285-2015 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Nays:

Abstain: Williams

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

287-2015 A resolution of the City of Orange Township in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Authorizing an emergency appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-46 for Police Department salaries and wages and authorizing the issuance of emergency notes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-51

Motion to approve Resolution 287-2015 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

288-2015 A resolution to cancel 2015 current fund budget appropriation balance

Motion to approve Resolution 288-2015 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS - The Council President asked if the Council wanted to meet regarding the purchase of the YWCA and an Organizational chart for the YWCA. The Council decided to meet on Monday the 14th of December at 7:00 P.M.

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS - None.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 10:21 P.M.

Approved:

JOYCE L. LANIER

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

APRIL GAUNT-BUTLER

April Gaunt-Butler
Council President

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