

**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 15, 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 (arrived @7:49)
Councilwoman Donna K. Williams, At-Large
Council President April Gaunt-Butler, At-Large

Also Present: Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director
Jeanette Calderon-Arnold, City Attorney office
Kevin Harris, Legislative Research Officer
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk,
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director,
John Wade, Acting Police Director
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer
Marty Mayes, Director of DPW

Absent: Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq

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

November 4, 2015- Conference & Regular Minutes

Hon. Johnson, Jr., cannot vote, because he was not present.

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

By consensus the Regular and Conference meeting minutes were approved.

REPORTS:

- **Clerk's Office month of November 2015- Total: \$987.61**

CONSTABLE REPORTS-

- **Richard Noisy- Month of November 2015- Security Services PRO-Cops Nov.**
- **Darnell Brodi-Month of November 2015- No activity.**

OPRA REQUESTS

Month of November 2015-37 OPRA received 58 items completed and 12 pending.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Fire Director Douglas reported that the new fire trucks will be here for training purposes on Friday. It is scheduled that they will be put in service the week after Christmas. The Fire Department would be giving out gifts to children starting the following Sunday.
- Acting Police Director Wade spoke about the upcoming resolution to accept the DUI Grant award and asked for the Council's support. Reported on some upcoming radar enforcement and some equipment that they are researching. Spoke about Court House security and some upgraded systems that he was researching. Spoke about lock down drills with the Board of Education. Gave an update on the PAL program.
- Councilwoman Williams reported that she was in contact with RPM regarding the Tony Galeno Project and provided the residents with a website if they wanted to rent or purchase one of the units.

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. Jeffery Feld commented that the Council's Special meeting that was held the night before had not been broadcasted; however, the Mayor's meeting had been broadcasted. Mr. Feld felt that was unfair to the residents. Mr. Feld questioned the dollar amounts that were being used on a number of items in the bill list.

Ms. Katlin Gordon questioned Resolution 298-2015 asking why street resurfacing hadn't been put on the grant application. Ms. Gordon wanted to know how much money the prior Police Director received.

Ms. Cynthia Johnson commented on the lack of access to meetings because they are not rerun. Ms. Johnson commented on the poor phone system the City has. Ms. Johnson did not like the responses of "I don't know," "I'll get back to you" by the Directors, It is disrespectful to the resident because a Director should know.

The Communication Director did not return her calls about the PSE&G walk thru. She reported that she had made 5 calls to the Police department about two cars that had not been moved for months and the Police have not responded. Ms. Johnson continued to report on issues that concerned her.

Dr. Mindy Fulliluv, President of the Board of the University of Orange, reported that they were awarded a grant from Art Place America to do a project looking at what Rt. 280 did to Orange, NJ. She reported on a number of events that will take place in Orange to get an anthropological account of the city and residents before Rte.280.

Ms. Gloria Stewart stated that she would like an explanation on resolution 290-2015, 295-2015 and Ordinance 56-2015. She thanked Councilwoman Summers-Johnson for the help she had provided with the crossing at Hayward School. She asked for an update on the Library. Ms. Stewart asked how a resident would apply for the new housing that is going up in Orange. Ms. Stewart commented that she is not pleased with Channel 35 broadcastings of the meetings and would like a report from the persons that broadcast the Council meetings. Ms. Stewart asked that the Mayor attend the meeting even though he does not have to. She spoke of her concern of having the Finance Director of Orange having a position as the Mayor for Plainfield.

Motion to recess by Council-President Gaunt-Butler, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.
The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion to reconvene by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Coley.
The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion to Close Citizen Comments by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.
The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Responses to some of the resident's questions.

- Mr. Mapp addressed some of the questions on projects that the auditors worked on. Mr. Mapp stated that payment for refunds on taxes and tax judgements all come from the Fund balance.
- City Clerk Lanier stated that with regard to the question about Communications and Petitions she stated that communications is from Federal, State and Government agencies not residents.
- Director Mayes provided information on the grant that includes street repaving as part of it's grant. As Director of the Department of Public works he did not believe that the repaving of just one road in Orange was justified. He stated that the City is trying to schedule a number of repaving jobs that need to be done.
- Director Mayes was asked to explain Ordinance 56-2015 and he read the changes in the meter fees from the Ordinance.
- Director Mayes reported in general terms about the new development stating that there were about 120-125 units but could not give specifics at the time of this meeting.
- Director Mayes stated that he is not in charge of the broadcasting but he would take that complaint back to the Administration.
- Director Mayes stated that he did not know the status of Acting Director Wade but he would take that question back to the Administration. The Council President asked for a response to those questions for the January meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson reported that she would have a Library report at the next meeting. She was not able to get an update from the Library Director. Thanked everyone for their service to the City.

Councilwoman Eason spoke about the positive things going on in Orange and reported that the Park Avenue School has invested in lap tops for their students.

Councilman Coley asked Ms. Lascari, the City CFO, how is the budget process going. Ms. Lascari stated that the process is moving along and she had received all the budget worksheets from all departments.

Councilman Corbitt commented on how well the schools in Orange were doing.

Councilwoman Williams reported that there would be a discussion tomorrow on how things had changed because of Rte. 280. The discussions will be by residents.

Councilman Johnson, Jr. reminded residents to take care of the elderly.

Councilman Coley asked about the 2 year grant for the YWCA. Can the City draw down from the 2017 grant monies? Mr. Mapp stated that if there is a need to use funds from that grant and the grant has been received in the budget then the funds can be used.

Councilwoman Eason thanked the Public Works employees, Fireman and Policeman for their service to the city for the year.

Council President Gaunt-Butler thanked all the employees of the city for the wonderful jobs they have been doing. Gave a special thanks to all the armed service personnel for keeping us safe and secure. The Council President reported that there would be an annual award appreciation diner the next evening for the volunteer board workers of the city. There would be a Toys for Tots giveaway at the Elks Club.

ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

The Clerk read Ordinance 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.

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 56-2015.

- Ms. Katlin Gordon felt that the fees were too high.
- Ms. Gloria Stewart asked questions about the increases. Director Mayes provided answers.

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

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

The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Councilwoman Williams felt that the monies from the parking fees go back into the parking lots for more improvements.

Councilwoman Eason hoped that the Council would support the Ordinance providing her reasons.

Council President Gaunt-Butler commented that she agreed that the meter hours will be shorten by legislation from the Council.

Councilwoman Williams asked for quarterly reports for the meters. Director Mapp agreed to do so.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 56-2015 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/ FIRST READING

None.

The City Clerk asked for a motion to suspend the rules to add Resolutions 302-2015 and 303-2015 to the Consent Agenda.

Motion to suspend the rules and add Resolutions 302-2015 and 303-2015 to the Consent Agenda by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Resolution 302-2015 by title.

A resolution authorizing emergency agreement for the extension of Municipal refuse and recycling collection to Joseph Smentkowski, Inc., 3 New York Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey 07307 up to an additional ninety day period commencing January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016 in the amount not to exceed \$243,000.00

The Clerk read Resolution 303-2015 by title.

A resolution to authorize the Mayor or his designee at the Orange Police Department to apply for and accept the 2015 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Crackdown.

The City Clerk reported that Resolution 300-2015 was being withdrawn from the agenda.

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 to approve the Consent Agenda by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

RESOLUTIONS NO. *290-2015*301-2015

- *290-2015** A resolution appointing Naeema Campbell, as a citizen member to the Public Work Committee of the City of Orange Township (Sponsored by Council Member Harold Johnson, Jr.)
- *291-2015** A resolution authorizing the refund of taxes due to state board judgments in the amount of \$162,239.99.
- *292-2015** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the lease purchase and maintenance of telephone systems equipment for the City of Orange Township to Hunter Technologies, 1709 Route 34, Suite 3, Wall, New Jersey 07727 in an amount not to exceed \$185,000.00.
- *293-2015** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the wiring and installation of a computer networking system for the City of Orange Township to CSF Technologies, 200 Federal Street, Suite 307, Camden, New Jersey 08103 in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.
- *294-2015** A resolution authorizing the purchase of mineral rock salt for the Department of Public Works through the Essex County Co-op Pricing Council for the winter season 2015-2016 from Morton Salt, 123 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606 in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.
- *295-2015** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the City Hall roof replacement to Safeway Contracting, 636 North Michigan Avenue, Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033 in the amount not to exceed \$357,700.00.
- *296-2015** A Resolution ratifying and authorizing the Mayors of the City of Orange Township and Township of West Orange to enter into and execute a professional services contract with the environmental consultant selected by the Central Valley Brownfield Development Area Committee to manage the Central Valley BDA. (Removed for separate vote)
- *297-0015** A resolution designating a representative and an alternate to the Essex County Community Development Block Grant Committee for the year 2016.
- *298-2015** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to submit certain project applications received from the Orange Community for inclusion within the County of Essex Community Development Block Grant application for the year 2016. (Removed for separate vote)

***299-201** A resolution authorizing the issuance of a raffle license for Social Etiquette Club.

***300-2015** A resolution authorizing settlement of a worker's compensation claim in the matter of Keith Jackson V. the City of Orange Township in an amount not to exceed one hundred ninety two thousand, seven hundred seventy four (\$192,774.00) **(WITHDRAWN)**

***301-2015** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on December 15, 2015 dated December 11, 2015 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 7,658,515.58) **(Removed for separate vote)**

Items removed for separate vote.

296-2015 A Resolution ratifying and authorizing the Mayors of the City of Orange Township and Township of West Orange to enter into and execute a professional services contract with the environmental consultant selected by the Central Valley Brownfield Development Area Committee to manage the Central Valley BDA.

Motion to approve Resolution 296-2015 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Councilman Johnson, Jr. commented that there was no information on how the consultant was chosen. Director Mayes reported that he would get that information for Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Johnson, Jr.,

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

298-2015 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to submit certain project applications received from the Orange Community for inclusion within the County of Essex Community Development Block Grant application for the year 2016.

Motion to approve Resolution 296-2015 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Councilman Johnson, Jr. stated that he would not support the resolution because of his concerns with the YWCA.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Coley, Johnson, Jr.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

301-2015 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on December 15, 2015 dated December 11, 2015 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 7,658,515.58)

Motion to approve Resolution 301-2015 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Gaunt-Butler

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

Motion to suspend the rules and add a resolution by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Resolution 304-2015 by title.

A resolution awarding a contract for prescription benefit management service to ProAct, Inc. for the City of Orange Township Prescription Benefit Program.

Councilwoman Eason asked Director Mapp if he was part of the negotiations and he responded that he was not.

Councilwoman Williams asked who from Administration was part of the negotiations. Director Mapp did not know. The City Attorney representative stated that the current provider needed 30 day notice of cancelation and this resolution would have to be added tonight in order to have continued coverage.

Ms. Tammeisha Smith, Vice-President & Partner of Alamo Insurance Group came to the podium. Alamo Insurance Group is the City's insurance broker. Ms. Smith reported on the research that Alamo Insurance did before recommending ProAct, Inc. Ms. Smith confirmed for Councilwoman Williams that the information on ProAct had been provided to the Administration back in October.

Councilwoman Eason asked if the plans were the same except that the City saved more money. Ms. Smith agreed.

Motion to approve Resolution 304-2015 by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Coley, Johnson, Jr. Williams

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS – None.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M

APPROVED:

JOYCE L. LANIER

**Joyce L. Lanier
Municipal Clerk**

APRIL GAUNT-BUTLER

**April Gaunt-Butler
Council President**

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