

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 20, 2016 AT 7:17 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilman Kerry Coley, East Ward
Councilman Christopher Jackson, At-Large
Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West 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
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk,
Marty Mayes, Acting Director of Planning/Public Work
Adrian Mapp, Acting Director of Finance
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer

Absent: Summers-Johnson

The Council President announced that there will be a moment of silence in honor of the departed West Orange Police officer Denzal McClutcher led by the honor Guard of the Orange Fire Department, the Honor Guard from the City of West Orange and the Orange Police department. Fire Director Douglas read the proclamation for the family of Officer McClutcher.

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

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

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Councilman Jackson read Resolution 285-2016 a resolution celebrating the life of Rev. Russel Read White Jr. The Council Members remembered Rev. White in their own words.

BA Hartwyk announced that there were changes to the agenda. The bill list on the website was missing page 4. The bill list outside had been corrected. A supplemental bill list had been

generate since Friday because it is the end of the year. That bill list is also outside for residents' review. Page 4 of the bill list has a vendor Genova Burns which is being pulled. Due to the close of the fiscal and calendar years there were 5 items added to the agenda. He reported on the 5 items that were added to the agenda and reported that they were also outside of the Conference room. He also stated that because these are walk-ons that will be considered under New Business and the residents will be able to comment on them.

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.

Councilwoman Wooten - Ordinance 59-2016 - She did not agree with removing the residents from City Committees. It removed the resident's right to be part of the committees. She stated that according to the City Code there are to be four (4) citizens on most committees which gave the residents the majority on committees. Now the ordinance takes that away. She asked "Do we really want to hear from the public with an ordinance like this". The Council President stated that the original ordinance that states citizen's participation was written in error. The Council President reported on the spirit of committees and what they do. Councilwoman Eason stated that back then there was no need for committees, but with this ordinance revision it gives all the power to the Council President and that is not supposed to happen. Councilman Jackson asked the Council President to state the reasons for the changes. She gave her reasons for the changes.

Councilman Jackson – Ordinance 56-2016 questioned some of the language on the ordinance. Mr. Johnson, the Bond Council came to the podium and spoke about "usefulness of items "

Councilman Jackson - Ordinance 60-2016 how does Orange benefit from chapter 4 section 64.2 It was determined that the ordinance needed to be pulled because the wording was incorrect. It should have read seven (7) citizens on the Public Works Committee

Councilman Jackson - Resolution 384-2016 regarding tax collector refunds, are the amounts from over payments. The BA answered his question.

Councilman Jackson Resolution 386-2016 - What are the duties of the block grant committee. Director Mayes stated that the resolution is to appoint a CDBG representative from the Planning department who is also a staff member Ms. Best from the Planning department and one member from the Council will serve. Their duties are to be involved with the CDBG program and its development. He provided further information. Director Mayes stated that there are minutes from each monthly meeting. He will make sure that the Council receives those minutes.

Councilman Jackson - Resolution 392-2016 regarding risk management consultants. What are their duties and how is the contract in the best interest of Orange. Mr. Hartwyk

provided information on the Jiff that the City is involved with and the requirement to have a risk management consultant.

Councilman Jackson - Resolution 395-2016 Contract with Magic Touch. He asked about the response time if there are any emergencies since the company is outside Essex County. Director Mayes provided the reasons for hiring them from the bid process.

Councilman Jackson - Resolution 397-2016 BOE elections. The City Clerk responded to the Councilman regarding a revised version of that resolution. He made comments regarding the language of the resolution and how they should be changed. The City Attorney and the Council worked out the language on the resolution and would vote on the amended resolution.

Councilman Johnson Resolution 389-2016 questioned the YWCA associated addresses and signatures on documents and if the YWCA can be run out of someone's house Does the YWCA have a board that makes decisions. BA Hartwyk and Director Mayes addressed Councilman Johnson's questions and concerns as best they could.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 8:48 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Donna K. Williams
Council President