

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, APRIL 2, 2013 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING AT 8:25PM.

1) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

2) ROLL CALL

		PRESENT	ABSENT
Hon. Hassan Abdul-Rasheed	(West-Ward)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Hon. Elroy A. Corbitt	(At-Large)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Hon. April Gaunt-Butler	(At-Large)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Hon. Linda Jones-Bell	(East-Ward)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Hon. Edward B. Marable Jr.	(South Ward)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Hon. Donna K. Williams	(At-Large)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Hon. Tency A. Eason	(North Ward)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Council President			

Municipal Clerk announced Council President you have a quorum.

ALSO PRESENT

Dwight Mitchell, Municipal Clerk	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Hon. Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., Mayor	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Dan S. Smith, City Attorney	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Kevin D. Harris, Legislative Research Officer	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Antoinette Dismukes, Clerk's Office	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

3) The Municipal 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 5, 2012, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

January 15, 2013- Special (Executive) Closed Session

Hon. Abdul-Rasheed & Hon. Marable cannot vote, because they were not present.

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to Adopt the Special (Executive) Closed Session Meeting Minutes.

Motion to adopt: CORBITT

Second: WILLIAMS

The Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:

Yeas: Corbitt, Jones-Bell, Gaunt-Butler, Williams and Eason
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absences: None

Council President Eason ruled the motion was carried by Five Yeas; No Nays;
No Abstentions; No Absences

January 15, 2013 - Conference & Regular Meeting

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to Adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion to adopt: WILLIAMS

Second: JONES-BELL

The Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:

Yeas: Abdul-Rasheed, Corbitt, Jones-Bell, Gaunt-Butler, Marable Jr., Williams, Eason
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absences: None

Council President Eason ruled the motion was carried by Seven Yeas; No Nays;
No Abstentions; No Absences

5) REPORTS:

Finance Committee Report was given by Hon. Gaunt-Butler

CONSTABLE REPORTS:

None

OPRA REQUEST REPORTS

None

Council President Eason directs the Municipal Clerk to file reports.

6) COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

None

7) CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS 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 TEN (10) 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.

Council President Eason recognized the following citizens for comments:

William R. Lewis of 688 Mosswood Avenue stated his concerns and inquires as follows:

- Ordinance 10-2013: Where is the data to support Ordinance?
- Has concern with Resolution 143-2013.
- Where is the 2013 Fiscal Budget?

Jeff Feld of 268 Main Street stated his concerns and inquires as follows:

- Stated his concern with the Tax Abatements. Made reference to HMFSA 2005.
- Recommended Council needs to exercise supervision of the Clerk Office.
- Concerned with the Bill List and Housing Authority payments.

Ken Garrett, Essex County Liaison stated the following:

- Announce an Orange Park 3 Phase Pilot Program utilizing Border Collies Dogs for 4 to 12 weeks to control the geese population.

Olander Peters of Park Place stated his concerns and inquires as follows:

- Park Place is not receiving street cleaning services.
- Asked the Council to hold the vendor Galaxy Sanitation responsible for leaving garbage debris on ground after collecting garbage.
- Suggested city inspector tours and site violators in an effort to clean-up the East Ward.

Darryl Harrington of 13 Prince Street stated his concerns and inquires as follows:

- Recommended the implementation of a Public Works Board.
- Commend the Police Department S.T.R.I.K.E Initiative: Would like to include Hickory Street – for one way; as well as to include speed bumps.
- Update on Community Budget Advisory Committee.

Katalin Gordon of 211 Park Place stated her concerns and inquires as follows:

- What is the difference between the Tony Galento Plaza Ordinance 8-2013 and Ordinance 9-2013?
- Finance Committee is lacking transparency.
- Applaud the County on their efforts to control the geese population.
- Concerned with Oakwood Avenue Project Tax Abatement.

Gloria Stewart of 62 Hampton Terrace stated her concerns and inquires as follows:

- Tax Abatement concern of possible bait and switch between the first and second reading.
- Questioned Ordinances 8-2013 and 39-2013: Are they the same?
- Resolution 141-2013: Would like further information.
- Resolution 139-2013: How is the Township of Orange benefiting?
- What is the update of the Business Administrator?
- Commented the City Council needs to improve their conduct.

William Hathaway stated his concerns and inquires as follows:

- As a resident as well as employee of Public Works he commented on the hard work and diligence of his department to keep Orange Township clean.

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to Move the Agenda.

Motion to Close Citizen Comments:

Motion: Jones-Bell **VOICE VOTE** **Second:** Gaunt-Butler

8) COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council President Eason recognized Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler.

Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler:

- Commented on the Finance Committee efforts.
- Orange Municipal Democratic Breakfast was very successful.
- Question: What is the status report for the other committees?
- Save the Date of April 9th, 2013 for Council Community Meeting will be rescheduled.

Council President Eason recognized Councilwoman Jones-Bell.

Councilwoman Jones-Bell:

- Expressed concern with the Bait Blocks Toxins for rodent control.
- Appreciated the Police Patrol in the North and East Wards.
- Provided the Council with a new contact phone number (973 592-7316).

Council President Eason recognized Councilman Marable Jr.

Councilman Marable Jr.:

- Commented on the numerous promises from Finance to submit the budget without delivery.
- Offered his condolences for the passing of Audrey Brown-Jackson.

Council President Eason recognized Councilman Corbitt.

Councilman Corbitt:

- Expressed his concern with the Budget and requested the total city debit and delivery date.
- Announced the upcoming “Expungement Workshop” hosted by the Councilman for the community on Saturday, April 27, 2013.
- Announce an “Information & Resources Event” hosted by Orange Public Schools scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2013 at 8:00am to 12:00noon.

Council President Eason recognized Councilwoman Williams.

Councilwoman Williams:

- Announced the upcoming Police Department community initiative S.T.R.I.K.E.
- Made inquiry into Ordinance 10-2013 – “Smoke Free Air Act” prohibiting smoking on Public Properties studies and fines.

Council President Eason recognized Councilman Abdul-Rasheed.

Councilman Abdul-Rasheed:

- Thanked and applauded Public Works efforts to keep the city clean; however, stating Good Friday was a holiday and garbage pickup was forgone. Resulting in garbage debris sitting on the sidewalks of the City for
- Requested the Administration distribute (reminder) communications for the public if garbage is not going to be picked up on holidays that fall on Friday’s and/or Tuesday’s to prevent garbage from sitting on the street for three days.

Council President Eason stated the following:

- Ordinance 10-2013: Date need to be provided.
- Commented and commended the Clerk’s Office efforts to ensure services are continued considering the changes in Personnel.

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to Move the Agenda.

9) ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE # 39 -2012 TABLED FROM FEBRUARY 5, 2013 MEETING

39-2012 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township authorizing the Execution of a Financial agreement with Orange Condominium Urban Renewal, L.P. , and granting a modified tax exemption for Phase 1B of the Tony Galento Transit Village Project.

MOTION TO LIFT FROM TABLE:

Council President Eason entertained a Motion to Lift Ordinance 39-2012 from the Table.

Motion: Corbitt

Second: Williams

The Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:

Yeas: Abdul-Rasheed, Corbitt, Jones-Bell, Gaunt-Butler, Marable Jr., Williams and Eason

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absences: None

Council President Eason ruled the motion was carried by Seven Yeas; No Nays; No Abstentions; No Absences

Council President Eason entertained the motion to WITHDRAWN Ordinance 39-2012 once lifted from the Table by ADMINISTRATION.

10) ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION /FIRST READING

8-2013 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township authorizing the execution of a Financial agreement with Orange Condominium Urban Renewal, L.P., and granting a Tax Exemption for Phase 1B of the Tony Galento Transit Village Project.

a) Motion to adopt in first reading: Corbitt

Second: Jones-Bell

The Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:

Yeas: Abdul-Rasheed, Corbitt, Jones-Bell, Gaunt-Butler, Williams and Eason

Nays: None

Abstentions: Marable, Jr.

Absences: None

Council President Eason ruled the motion was carried by Six Yeas; No Nays; One Abstention; No Absences

b) Public Hearing April 16, 2013

9-2013 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township authorizing the amendment of Ordinance 9-2012 – a financial agreement with Station Partners Urban Renewal, L.P. originally passed on April 17, 2012 granting a modified tax exemption for phase 1 of the Tony Galento Plaza Project.

a) Motion to adopt in first reading: Abdul-Rasheed **Second:** Williams

The Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:

Yeas: Abdul-Rasheed, Corbitt, Jones-Bell, Gaunt-Butler, Williams and Eason

Nays: None

Abstentions: Marable Jr.

Absences: None

Council President Eason ruled the motion was carried by Six Yeas; No Nays; One Abstention; No Absences

b) Public Hearing April 16, 2013

10-2013 An ordinance to comply with the “Smoke-Free Air Act” Chapter 383, of the State of New Jersey to Prohibit Smoking on Public Property.

a) Motion to adopt in first reading: Abdul-Rasheed **Second:** Williams

The Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:

Yeas: Abdul-Rasheed, Corbitt, Jones-Bell, Gaunt-Butler, Williams and Eason

Nays: None

Abstentions: Marable Jr.

Absences: None

Council President Eason ruled the motion was carried by Six Yeas; No Nays; One Abstention; No Absences

b) Public Hearing May 7, 2013

*****Council President Eason entertained a Motion to Extend the Meeting at 10:30pm.**

Motion: Jones-Bell **Second:** Williams

The Municipal Clerk announced the roll call as follows:

Yeas: Jones-Bell, Williams and Eason

Nays: Abdul-Rasheed, Corbitt, Gaunt-Butler, and Marable Jr.

Abstentions: None

Absences: None

Council President Eason ruled the motion was NOT CARRIED by Three Yeas; Four Nays; No Abstentions; No Absences

RESOLUTIONS: *126-2013 to *143-2013 was not voted on due to the Motion NOT CARRIED to Extend the Meeting.

13) MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Jones-Bell **VOICE VOTE** **Second:** Gaunt-Butler

Adjournment Time: 10:30PM

PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference & Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey at 7:00 PM.

Dwight Mitchell, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Tency Eason
Council president

MINUTES APPROVAL

Passed on May 21, 2013

Conference & Regular Meeting on April 2, 2013

Motion to Adopt: Jones-Bell **Second:** Corbitt

The roll call by Municipal Clerk was as followed:

Yeas: Corbitt, Gaunt-Bell, Jones-Bell, Marable Jr., Williams and Eason

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absences: Abdul-Rasheed

Council President Eason ruled the Motion was Carried by Six Yeas; No Nays; No Abstentions; and One Absent.