

**MINUTES CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP  
NEW JERSEY**

**CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
April 15, 2014**

A regular 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, April 15, 2014, following the conference meeting.

The Deputy Clerk led all assembled in a Salute to the American Flag; Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

Councilman Hassan Abdul-Rasheed, West Ward Councilmen (*arrived at 8:40pm*)  
Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt, At-Large Councilmen  
Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, North Ward Councilwoman  
Councilwoman April Gaunt-Butler, At-Large Councilwoman  
Councilwoman Linda Jones-Bell, East Ward Councilwoman  
Council President Donna K. Williams, At-Large Councilwoman

**Also Present:**

Deputy Municipal Clerk Madeline F. Smith  
Marty Mayes Administrative Representative  
Michael Hackett, Representing the City Attorney (*arrived 7:20pm*)  
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer  
Kevin D. Harris, Legislative Research Officer (*arrived 7:35pm*)  
Margaret Homere, Clerk's Office

**Absent:**

Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq  
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance  
Councilmen Edward B. Marable Jr., South Ward Councilmen

The Deputy 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 18, 2013, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

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**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings - None**

**OPRA Report:**

Month of March 2014- 34 OPRA requests received (133) items were completed and 7 items pending.

**Department Reports**

**Building, Plumbing, Electrical, Elevator and Fire Division – none**

- Month of January, 2014 total: \$19,193.00
- Month of February, 2014 total: \$20,122.00
- Month of March, 2014 total: \$20,859.00

**Community Service**

- Month of March, 2014 total: \$21,673.00

**Constable Report**

Cuthbert Harris - March, 2014	No activity
Darnell Brodie - March, 2014	No activity
Mohammed Toure – March, 2014	No activity

**Council Reports**

- Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler stated that Congressman Payne visited the **Fire Department** yesterday. He became aware of the need of the Fire Department and Police Departments.
- April 23, 7:30 pm personnel committee will meet.

**Finance Committee - Councilwoman Gaunt – Butler provided the summary of the meeting:**

- The committee met April 14, 2014.
- Mr. McEnerney provided a summary for this year's 2013 Annual Financial Statement.
- Proposed tax bundle sale and Mr. Carl Smith, Tax collector will be making a recommendation to the entire council. He will meet with Mr. Mapp and Mr. Lerch.
- The CY 2014 proposed budget was proposed and discussed and the administration is recommending introduction of the budget tonight. The drop-down deadline date to ensure the budget is passed for tax payers to see some of the benefits of the tax re-assessment is June 17, 2014.
- Councilman Corbitt asked why isn't the budget on the agenda? He would prefer for it to not be walked on.
- The proposed Bond Ordinance 9-2014 was discussed – Committee is recommending approval of this bond ordinance.
- Resolution 83-2014, 90-2014 and 84-2014, were discussed.
- Miscellaneous items that were discussed: Mr. Feld's questions on his web-site.

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Director Mayes stated The Tony Galenta Project is expecting a 15 month, next phase period. They are staging, putting signage in, lighting, fencing, parking areas. For those who need parking permits, please contact, Ms. Norman who handles the parking permits - 973-266-4051. The parking scenario has changed and individuals have different parking options.

**Communications and Petitions**

None

**Citizen's Comments**

The Deputy Clerk read the following: 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.

Mr. William R. Lewis, 688 Mosswood Ave., Orange, NJ 07050

- Katherine Monte, his grand-daughter was able to secure another job and has over \$90,000 in scholarships. She now has 4 jobs.
- He communicated regarding the \$1,000.00 a day fine imposed to the city by a judge. He estimated it is up to \$694,000.00
- Ordinance #9 – he inquired about the bond indebtedness
- He spoke on Resolutions 82, 95, 99 and 100 and asked why have the council members not been the sponsors of resolutions of citizen's that lived in their wards. He mentioned several names of individuals who have passed and their perspective history in the city.
- Council President Williams thanked Mr. Lewis for identifying individuals that should be recognized.
- Council President Williams discussed Rutgers training for council members. In 2010 Rutgers stop the course for lack of participation. Also, it was not a mandatory course. One of the directors name is Allen Zalcan. They do offer a financial course and some of them are being offered in November.
- Mr. Lewis stated that the League of Municipalities also offer courses.
- Council woman Eason believes it does not matter who sponsors the resolutions. Anyone can.
- Mr. Smith, Tax Collector, responded to questions regarding to Resolutions 82 and 95. From time to time we have overpayments for taxes that people pay. He does his due diligent to liquidate these liabilities for overpayments are liabilities to municipalities. Orange Housing Authority Orange Development Corporation are entitled to these refunds. The overpayments occurred right before the property was deeded

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Mr. Bruce Meyer – 500 Berkeley Avenue, Orange, NJ 07050

- Regarding the bond issue; Public Works has the tools, the Police, Fire Department. The citizens need to know. We have a problem with a free flow of the administration.
- The bill-list was not posted until late this afternoon, the agenda posted late this afternoon. The clerk's office has worked very hard to assemble the minutes. Please help get them posted.
- Citizens have to do their own posting; taping; and there are things that need to be done regarding how the city is being run.
- Are we subject to the \$1,000.00 a day fine? The city's representative, Mr. Hackett stated He was not familiar with the case. Council President Williams stated the judge was not prepared to rule on the fine on 2-28-2014. The money is accumulating; yet no payment has been made.

Ms. Katalin Gordon, 211 Oak Place, Orange, NJ 07050

- She suggested not to vote for the bond and taxes will not go up.
- The grant monies are provided on the basis of needs
- Bonds cannot be repaid willingly; the interest has to be paid year by year.
- She inquired about the Brownfield resolutions and why we are losing an previous environmental consultant.
- If contracting a new payroll processing company; could Edmonds be expanded to do payroll in house? Mr. Mapp stated it does not.
- Mr. Myer asked probing answer about the Mr. Mitchell, Municipal Clerk. Mr. Mitchell had not responded to and had denied her rights under OPRA. 5 times he was negligent.
- Gordon discussed her concerns regarding the water billing increase. She is concerned about how the 17% water bill increase was determined? She is looking for an explanation.
- Council President Williams reminded Ms. Gordon of the "water" presentation s that were made. Ms. Gordon is waiting to hear from Mr. Mobley.
- Mr. Mayes believes this is a serious and emerging problem, the decision to keep in the bond ordinance.
- Mr. Mayes discussed grant vs. bond. More grants are needed.
- There was a deficit in the water utility this year. Orange is going forward. 30% of the people who use the city own the city money.

Ingrid Williams, Valley Street

- The CBAC offered assistance to help monitor; tracking the money. She will identify who has a skill set in the CBAC to help to track the money. Please utilize the free skills that are there.
- She offered to assist in posting the minutes. She is aware that they have not been posted since November.
- Katherine Closet's can assist in proving formals for families with hardship. The next meeting is May 10, 2014- is 8:30 to 12:00 noon, 550 broad St., Newark.

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- Council President Williams stated there will be a forum to discuss the name for the Tony Galento Plaza.

Council President responded regarding the bond meeting; the Local Finance Board puts it on their agenda. Once it passes, there will be a second reading; and if it passes; money can be spent the next day. The fire trucks take about 9 months and year.

The budget – a binder is ready for the citizen's

Murphy Wilson, 362 Heywood Avenue, Orange, New Jersey

- Resolution 104 Emergency Medical Service. We have them in the past and there were a lot of complaints. She has reservation about that this group.
- Resolution 94. This is the Bill List – the bill list is over 6,000,000. There is a lot of spending. Please reign in the spending.
- The budget has to be reviewed and determine what the projected tax increase will be. All of that has to be done before the Ordinance 9. We need to have our budget reviewed first. She agrees equipment is needed; yet there are only several weeks before them.
- She is against acquiring equipment at the same time. If is staged; there is a rolling situation. The city has yet to see the Capital Improvement Plan. She is looking for details and specifics regarding the items that will be purchased.

We started with a huge bond ordinance - now we are back to where we were before to have this; let do things in a controlled, organized fashion. Let's do this after the budget is reviewed.

Director Mayes commented that the numbers for the bond is close to what it was before. In his analysis there is evidence that the numbers is almost the same. The bond will need to be monitored.

Councilman Corbitt made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Jones-Bell. The vote was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Jones-Bell and seconded by Councilwoman Eason to adjourn for a break at 8:56. The vote was unanimously approved.

**Lifestar**

Catella, 180 south 12<sup>th</sup> Street, NJ

- Employees were briefed that they were losing their jobs. Before Life Star took over the, they were happy to get it back. The other employees will find out that the contract is being dispersed. There were a lot of speculations. In a union meeting, they were told they have nothing to worry about. Their contract is ending...being dispersed.

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Jeffrey Ignant 380 Bradford street, Orange, NJ apt 1 <sup>NEW JERSEY</sup>

- He has been doing EMT for the last 5 years. Every since he has been working it has been a great working environment . He takes a lot of pride in working in Orange. Coming back is a great feeling.
- He was in the hospital. He has been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. He just got back to work and found out that he is not going to be there anymore.
- He loves working for the company.

Council President Williams thanked them and for their service. Lifestar should have communicated to the employees.

Councilwoman Eason thinks that they would not be providing services in the state of New Jersey. She believes they do an excellent job. There may a possibility that Monmouth-Ocean City would hire some of our individuals.

Director Dowd, is not able to speak of specifics. He will do what he can do for the EMT's  
Councilwoman Eason she has learned that we bring in outsider and we do not take care of our local people. Orange residents need to be taken care of. We try to make a place for them

Lifestar contract will terminate on May 1, 2014; and/or when someone takes over the service.

Jeffrey Peck, Regional, Director for Monmouth. He symbolize with these folks and he was sent over to Monarch and they are very civic minded. There are employees that do live in Orange.

### **Council Comments**

#### Councilman Corbitt

Things must be presented in a timely fashion. It was said that a budget would be introduced tonight. He believes that more than one person needs to be responsible for the budget. He is going to support the bond.

There is a section of Orange that feels completely neglected and left off – the valley section. There will be a Town Hall meeting April 29, 7:00 at the Forest Street school, hosted by Councilman Corbitt. He has invited the Tax Collector, Police and Firemen.

Councilwoman Guant-Butler noted that there has been vigorous debate about the bond ordinance. Hurdles have been overcome. She will vote in favor of the ordinance. The rationale is to be able to address the needs of the community. The bond ordinance will be reviewed , a second look at this; therefore some over-sight before final approval.

Councilman Abdul Rasheed expressed no comment.

Councilwoman Jones-Bell expressed concerns about the potholes; particularly in the West Ward. She inquired of Marty Mayes about the pothole situation.

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- Director Mayes stated there will be a lot of work on the streets and he will be repaving five roads. Also some sewer work will be completed. We will do a lot of work on the catch basins.
- North day and North Center were on the list. Since the snow storms North Center between Washington and Park Place. Hopefully they can be patched if not a total repaving.

Councilwoman Jones-Bell stated that she withdrew her candidacy as the East Ward Council Woman. She thanks everyone who supported her.

Councilwoman Eason stated to Mr. Mayes to make sure that the catch basin needs to be cleaned on North Day.

- Orange needs a homeless shelter. This needs to be worked on.
- She inquired to Director Sims about the uniforms for the crossing guards.
  - Director Sims stated they do have the quotes from the uniform company. The Finance Director, Mr. Mapp is checking to make sure money is in the budget. He is sending the crossing guards to begin to select uniforms. He is handling the situation.
  - Councilwoman Eason and Council President Williams stated they thought there is money in the 2013 budget. She asked the director to communicate with the crossing guards
- The meeting with Mr. Jenkins, grant writer, should be scheduled this week. Director Sims acknowledged that.
- Councilwoman Eason is asking for some type of program for the kids is set up before for the summer.
- She inquired to Director Mayes if Star Tavern lights can be put back on. Director Mayes believes those lights have been ordered.
- Councilwoman Eason inquired to Director Sims if the bus has been located. Director Sims stated the bus is located , off Canfield Street, by Police Headquarters. The police department has the title. He has spoken with Director Mapp.
- She inquired to Director Mayes as to what is the status of Alden and High Streets. Director stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of a multi-phased park development. The phase called for completion of a walk on track. The track will be poured in the next couple of days; the delay was the harsh winter. The open field will handle a 100 yard turf field. This is a CBDG project with a deadline of April 30, 2014. The city just received approval to level off the field and we will see the park completed. This field will be multi-purpose (soccer, etc.). The Public Works department will be responsible for opening and locking the gates.
- Councilwoman Eason stated that the urban municipalities are not represented. She feels as if she is the lone voice. She is asking individuals who are involved to make sure they do attend the meetings.

Councilwoman Eason stated the fine is because the administration defied a court order. The administration did not provide the requested information.

- She encouraged residents, to help the council to make a difference. She asked for a unified council.
- No one showed up for the open forum they held several months ago.
- Governor Christie stated to his staff mentioned in the Star Ledger; that his staff would need to back-off for the town would be off-limits if the town backed him for re-election.

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- Dwight Mitchell has retired December 31, 2013. Some issues are still being worked out with the Director of Finance.
- The employees are being pressured to walk with candidates. She asked the Legislative Research officer to write the legislation that will prohibit employees from being pressured regarding “walking” with candidates.
- The mayor supports the Work Summer Program, Newark. She is asking the council to make sure the children that are hired in Orange this summer represent the city of Orange.

Council President Williams inquired of Councilwoman Eason if the \$5,000.00 was paid to the police department for the last event. Councilwoman Eason stated yes and also stated the outstanding issues regarding police salaries are being taken care of.

- Council President Williams stated that respect is needed; and respect has to be given and received. Collectively “we” need to respect each other. She believes that the council members and directors can communicate throughout the week. She encouraged all to enhance communication. She believes that all council persons take it seriously when they here of individuals need to celebrated.
- She vowed to make sure the bond ordinance is monitored.
- She earnestly asked the general public to please come out and attend forums, events and council meetings. There are over 30,000 individuals and over 14,000 registered voters in Orange.
- Council President Williams offered her condolences to the family of the victims of the Berkeley Avenue fire (500 block) that recently took place. She thanked the first responders.

A motion was made by Corbitt and seconded by Jones-Bell to close council comments.

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION /FIRST READING**

The Deputy Clerk read **Ordinance 9-2014** by Title: A Bond Ordinance providing for various capital acquisitions and improvements by and in the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (the “City”); appropriating \$8,772,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$8,333,400 bonds or notes of the City to finance part of the costs thereof.

**Motion to Adopt at First Reading**

A motion to adopt was made by Councilman Corbitt, second by Councilwoman Jones-Bell to adopt **Ordinance 9-2014**.

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Council members: Abdul-Rasheed, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Jones-Bell and Williams

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Marable

**Motion Carries**

The Public Hearing will be held May 20, 2014.



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**Consent Agenda**

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 council members requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence of the agenda.

A motion was made Jones-Bell and seconded by Eason to suspend the rules.

**Roll Call**

Ayes: Council members: Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-butler, Jones-Bell and Williams

Nays: None

Abstained: Abdul-Rasheed

Absent: Marable

**Motion Carries**

The motion to suspend the rules carries.

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Council President Williams asked members to consider resolutions to be added to the Consent Agenda:

**105-2014** - A resolution authorizing change order no.1 to modify the contract for the project known as the High and Alden St. Park improvements for additional leveling, top soil and reseeding in the amount not to exceed #13,250.00.

**106-2014** - A resolution for the formation of a special investigation committee.

**107-2014** - A resolution introducing and approving the 2014 Calendar Year budget (January 1, 2014-December 31, 2014).

A motion was made by Jones-Bell and seconded by Eason to add the resolutions to the agenda.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

Councilman Corbitt inquired as to what is the urgency to have these items walked on?

Council President Williams responded that the reasons for these resolutions being walked on are:

**105-2014** - Has a deadline of April 20, 2014; and the council will not meet again until May 6, 2014.

**106-2014** - Request to move items of investigations.

**107-2014** - If it is the will of the council, the budget is to be introduced tonight.

Discussion continued regarding **Resolution 107-2014**.

Councilman Corbitt stated that something as important as the budget should be on the agenda.

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**Roll Call**

Ayes: Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt- Butler, Jones-Bell and Williams

Nays: Abdul- Rasheed

Abstained: None

Absent: Marable

**Motion Carries**

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A motion was made by Councilman Corbitt and seconded by Councilwoman Eason to extend the meeting. All voted unanimously.

**Motion Carries**

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**Consent Agenda**

Councilman Abdul-Rasheed asked to remove resolutions: **94-2014, 98-2014, 106-2014 and 107-2014** from the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Eason asked to remove resolutions **88-2014 and 91-2014** from the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilman Jones-Bell to approve the Consent Agenda (with the corrections as notes) by the township as follows:  
Approval if resolutions: **81-2014, 82-2014, 83-2014, 84-2014, 85-2014, 86-2014, 87-2014, 89-2014, 90-2014, 92-2014, 93-2014, 95-2014, 96-2014, 97-2014, 99-2014, 100-2014, 101-2014, 102-2014, 103-2014, 104-2014, and 105-2014.**

**Roll Call**

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Marable

**Motion Carries**

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Resolution **88-2014** was read by title by Council President Williams: Authorizing Hillman Consulting to replace the firm of Birdsell Services Group as the Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP). And to apply for grant funding from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for site assessment and remediation of the 321 Scotland Road/507 Mitchell Street; properties in the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey.

A motion was made by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Jones-Bell to adopt.

**Discussion on the Motion**

Councilwoman Eason asked if there are representatives from Hillman Consulting; Mark Hasting, Union, NJ; and Dawn Bredan; Director of Client Relations. This firm has been around 28 years; it has about 200 hundred individuals. They do site remediation. They handle Phase I and Phase II remediation. They work with Municipalities and insurance companies throughout New Jersey and New York. Mark is the licensed site remediation professional.

**Roll Call**

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absence: Marable

**Motion Carries**

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Council President read **Resolution 91-2014** in its entirety authorizing Hillman Consulting to apply for grant funding from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for site assessment and remediation of the 540 Mitchell Street, a property owned by the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey and to replace the firm of Brilliant Environmental and serve as the Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) for the site.

A motion was made by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Jones-Bell to adopt.

**Discussion on the Motion**

Councilwoman Eason asked if there are representatives from Hillman Consulting; Mark Hasting, Union, NJ; and Dawn Bredan; Director of Client Relations. This firm has been around 28 years; it has about 200 hundred individuals. They do site remediation. They handle Phase I and Phase II remediation. They work with Municipalities and insurance companies throughout New Jersey and New York. Mark is the licensed site remediation professional.

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**Roll Call**

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absence: Marable

**Motion Carries**

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Council President Williams read **Resolution 94-2014** approving the bill list for Council Meeting vote on April 15, 2014 dated April 10, 2014 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$6,766, 815.51).

A motion was made by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Jones-Bell to adopt.

**Discussion on the Motion**

Councilwoman Eason asked Ms. Lascari, CFO why the bill list was much higher than normal; \$6,000,000. Joy Lascari, CFO stated that is that the PERS in the amount of \$624, 904.00 (employee retirement) PFRS in the amount of \$3,354,114 (Police and Fireman Retirement payments are both on the bill list.

Councilwoman Jones-Bell raised a question about the insurance broker. The payment is the liability and other insurance policies for the year.

- o She also inquired about a Chambers Sound System – it is the clerk’s system ; and the payment is the renewal of the contract.

Further questions regarding the bill-list were discussed.

A motion was made by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Jones-Bell to adopt **Resolution 94-2014** as amended; removing \$15,413.90 from the bill list.

**Roll Call**

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

Nays: Abdul-Rasheed

Abstain: None

Absence: Marable

**Motion Carries**

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Council President Williams read **Resolution 98-2014**. A resolution authorizing Balance Point Payroll to process electronic payroll disbursements and payroll agency obligations for the City of Orange Township pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-17.

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A motion was made by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Jones-Bell to adopt.

#### **Discussion on the Motion**

Councilwoman Eason asked when the transition will take place.

- Balance Point will provide a lot of reporting capability than the city has with ADP. The employees will be able to have personal access, to the system. Employees can ask for time, off for example, with the permission /authorization of their superior.
- Council woman Eason asked who will be accountable. Ms. Lascari answered the Directors/Supervisors and the Finance Director will be accountable.
- Workflow examples were discussed,
- It provides another layer of accountability. The Palm reader may be purchase later. Data will be put in the system first.

Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler stated when the resolution is approve will the city still be using ADP. The Response from Balance Point stated that there will be a transition period of 2-6 weeks. ADP will be discontinued.

Council Corbitt asked if it is a web-based product with ADP. Response was no.

Balance Point, Jason Jones stated that this system is all internet based. ADP is month-month.

Councilwoman Jones-Bell Asked if the system integrates with finger-print capability. Response is yes.

#### **Roll Call**

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absence: Marable

#### **Motion Carries**

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Resolution 106-2014 was read by title by Council President Williams: A resolution for the formation of a special investigatory committee.

A motion was made by Councilman Corbitt, seconded by Councilwoman Jones-Bell to adopt.

#### **Discussion on the Motion**

Councilman Eason asked who would be the members. Council President Williams stated that Councilman Marable would be leading the committee—since he is absent; a follow-up would be made electronically.

Councilman Rasheed stated that he would not be in favor of this resolution.

#### **Roll Call**

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

Nays: Abdul-Rasheed

Abstain: None

Absence: Marable

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**Motion Carries**

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Resolution **107-2014** was read by title by Council President Williams: A resolution introducing and approving the Calendar Year Budget for January 2014 through December 2014.

A motion was made by Councilman Jones-Bell, seconded by Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler.

**Discussion on the Motion**

Councilman Rasheed inquired if does the proposed budget gel with the bond ordinance. Director Marty Mayes stated the only duplication may be in the capital improvement budget.

Councilman Corbitt asked what would the proposed tax increase in the introduced budget.

- The response made by Ms. Lascari was 2.9% - but further discussion took place.
- Joy Lascari, CFO, stated that in 2013 – the city has a net reduction in the city’s debt service of 29%. In 2014 there is a net increase of 3%.
- Council President asked if she could provide a more detail report on Debt Service. Ms Lascari asked for an email to explain how Council president would desire that presentation.
- Preliminary numbers for: County Levi; \$7,182,920.00; School Levi: \$11,198,704.39. Because of the re-evaluation there is a possibility that there may be a tax reduction.

**Roll Call**

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absence: Marable

**Motion Carries**

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**RESOLUTIONS \*81-2014-\*105-2014**

**\*81-2014** A resolution authorizing the tax cancellation of credit balance for the property known as Block 4401, Lot 002, C3083, 500 S Center/Garage in the amount of \$1,385.92 as per the attachment.

**\*82-2014** A resolution authorizing the refund of taxes due to overpayments in the amount of \$4,759.68 to the Orange Housing Authority.

**\*83-2014** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to renew its contract to EIC Inspection Agency Corp., 3705 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City, NJ 07307 to conduct elevator subcode services for the City of Orange Township for a second (1) year term.

**\*84-2014** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to add 227 Ivy Ct. to its existing City of Orange Township abandoned properties list.

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- \*85-2014** A resolution reappointing Carolyn Hardaway as Commissioner to the Insurance Fund Commission of the City of Orange Township.
- \*86-2014** A resolution authorizing Hillman consulting to apply for grant funding from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for site assessment and remediation of the 534 Mitchell Street, a property within the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey and to replace the Firm of Brilliant Environmental and serve as the Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) for the site.
- \*87-2014** A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract for Hillman Consulting, 1600 Route 22 East, Suite 107, Union, New Jersey 07083 to provide environmental consulting services for 321 Scotland Road and 507 Mitchell Street, Orange, New Jersey in an amount not to exceed \$25,412.
- \*88-2014** A resolution authorizing Hillman Consulting to replace the firm of Birdsall Services Group as the Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) and to apply for grant funding from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for site assessment and remediation of the 321 Scotland Road/ 507 Mitchell Street properties in the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey (Removed for Separate vote.)
- \*89-2014** A resolution authorizing the award of a fair and open contract with Remington Vernick & Arango Engineers, 300 Penhorn Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094 to provide engineering services as municipal engineer for one (1) year commencing May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015 in the amount not to exceed \$45,000.00
- \*90-2014** A resolution authorizing the retention of Alamo Insurance Group Inc., 8419 Bergenline Ave., North Bergen, New Jersey 07047 as licensed insurance broker for the City of Orange Township for the placement of property and casualty liability insurance for the period March 5, 2014 to March 5, 2016.
- \*91-2014** A resolution authorizing Hillman Consulting to apply for grant funding from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for site assessment and remediation of the 540 Mitchell Street, a property owned by the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey and to replace the firm of Brilliant Environmental and serve as the Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) for the site. (Removed for Separate Vote.)
- \*92-2014** A resolution approving qualified consultant engineers to provide consulting engineering on an "as needed" basis for one (1) year commencing May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015.

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- \*93-2014** A resolution authorizing the <sup>NEW JERSEY</sup> municipal engineer to sign NJDEP Treatment works approval application for connection into the City of Orange Township Sanitary Sewer System.
- \*94-2014** A resolution approving the bill list for Council meeting vote on April 15, 2014 dated April 10, 2014 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$ 6,766, 815.51(Removed for Separate Vote.)
- \*95-2014** A resolution authorizing the refund of taxes due to overpayments in the amount of \$3,565.62 to the Orange Housing Development Corporation.
- \*96-2014** A resolution to utilize funds from the capital improvement fund to match funds from the Historic Preservation Grant in the amount not to exceed \$140,500.00.
- \*97-2014** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to remove various properties from its existing City of Orange Township abandoned properties list.
- \*98-2014** A resolution authorizing Balance Point Payroll to process electronic payroll disbursements and payroll agency obligations for the City of Orange Township pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-17 (Removed for separate vote).
- \*99-2014** A resolution celebrating the life of Reverend Verenander Lloyd Hughes. (Sponsored by: The Orange City Council)
- \*100-2014** A resolution celebrating the life of Louis Desmond Hassel (Sponsored by: Hon. Tency A. Eason)
- \*101-2014** A resolution authorizing the issuance of a raffle license for Our Lady of MT. Carmel Church.
- \*102-2014** A Resolution appointing Shirley Higgins-Turner to the City of Orange Township Historic Preservation Commission for a (4) year term commencing on 4/15/2014- 4-14-2018 (Sponsored by Hon. April Gaunt-Butler)
- \*103-2014** A Resolution appointing Anthony Monica to the City of Orange Township Historic Preservation Commission for a (4) year term commencing on 4/15/2014 through 4-14-2018 (Sponsored by Hon. Donna K. Williams)
- \*104-2014** A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract for Emergency Medical Service in the City of Orange Township with Monmouth-Ocean Hospital Service Corporation from May 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 for an amount to exceed zero (0.00) dollars.



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- \*105-2014** A resolution authorizing change order No. 1 to modify the contract for the project known as the high and Alden Street park improvements for additional leveling, Top soil and re-seeding in the amount not to exceed \$13,250.00
- \*106-2014** A resolution for the formation of a special investigative committee (Removed for separate vote.)
- \*107-2014** A resolution introducing and approving the 2014 Calendar Year Budget (January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014) (Removed for separate vote).

There was no other pending business

A motion was made by Councilwoman Jones-Bell, and was seconded by Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler to adjourn the meeting.

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Council members: Abdul-Rasheed, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Jones-Bell, and Council President Williams

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Absent: Marable

**Motion Carries.**

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimously vote at 11:07 A.M. April 15, 2014.



Madeline Smith

Deputy Municipal Clerk



Donna K. Williams

Council President

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The next City Council Conference & Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey at 7:00 P.M.