

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AGENDA

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, OCTOBER 15, 2013 AT 7:00 PM.

1) ROLL CALL		PRESENT	ABSENT
Hon. Hassan Abdul-Rasheed	(West Ward)	_____	_____X_____
Hon. Elroy A. Corbitt	(At-Large)	_____X_____	_____
Hon. Tency A. Eason	(North Ward)	_____X_____	_____
Hon. April Gaunt-Butler	(At-Large)	_____	_____X_____
Hon. Linda Jones-Bell	(East Ward)	_____X_____	_____
Hon. Edward B. Marable Jr.	(South Ward)	_____X_____	_____
Hon. Donna K. Williams	(At-Large)	_____X_____	_____

ALSO PRESENT

Madeline F. Smith, Deputy Mun. Clerk	_____X_____	_____
Hon. Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., Mayor	_____	_____X_____
Adrian Mapp, Acting Business Administrator	_____X_____	_____
Dan S. Smith, City Attorney	_____X_____	_____
Kevin D. Harris, Legislative Research Officer	_____X_____	_____
Margaret Homere, Clerk's Office	_____X_____	_____

Council President Williams announced as a matter of house rules that Channel 35 is experiencing technical difficulties and the public should be aware that the Council Meeting may experience occasional blackouts.

PLEASE STAND FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE

SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall sign one (1) book. There will be two (2) columns in the book, one (1) for Agenda Items and one (1) for General Issues. Each person signing the book will check Agenda Items or General Issues. If they check only Agenda Items or General Issues, they will be allowed to speak for five (5) minutes. If they check General Issues and Agenda Items, they will be allowed to speak for ten (10) minutes.

- 2) 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 18, 2013, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

3) **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

- **HIV Awareness presented by Hazel B. Lucas, HIV Program Coordinator for the East Orange Health Department:**
 - Councilman Corbitt introduced Mrs. Hazel B. Lucas to discuss the increase of infected seniors and the impacts of HIV in the Senior Community. Stressing the importance amongst the senior population to get tested, promoting safe sex, and education on the virus.

- **S.T.R.I.K.E Program presentation by Hakim Sims, Director of the City of Orange Township Police Department:**
 - Director Sims provided the background on the Strike “Secure-Track-Remove-In-Keeping-Orange Safe” Program. As well as provided the statistics of crime and arrests, ordinance violation fees/revenue, re-distribution/lack of personnel, challenges and successful initiatives, and Man Power Grant Funding in the City of Orange Township.
 - Eason: Police Officers are not getting out their cars to address suspicious behavior. Increase in property theft as such garbage cans. (Dir. Sims suggested...Home address on garbage cans)
 - Corbitt: Comparison of arrests for 2012-2013? Monthly account of arrests and reports from Police Department to the Council?
 - Jones-Bell: Thomas Blvd. / Bridge and drug/alcohol offenders utilizing said location as public bathroom.
 - Williams: Made inquiry into Man Power Grant Funding; next PCC meeting and airing; Call to Action: Thomas Blvd. with liaison of Housing Authority, Jones-Bell and Corbitt to bring resolution to said matter.

- **Best Practice presented by Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer for the City of Orange Township:**
 - Joy Lascari provided the process, response and score in which the Finance Department administered the Best Practices Survey.

Discussion ensued between the CFO, Finance Director and Council Members regarding various areas of the survey. Inquires were made in the following areas:

- General Management: 3 (Marable: Request List of Authorized Employees), 5 (Corbitt: Request more restriction language of K. Harris), 6 (Marable: Website Updates on 3yr Adopted Budgets), 9 (Williams: Request updated Collaborative Agreements);
- Financial Standards & Procedures: 10 (Eason: Has the Administration met with the Council?), 11 (Williams: Request Copy of Policy);

- Budget Preparation & Presentation: 20 (Williams: Requested Copy of Policy), 23 (Williams: Concern with response of delivery and timeliness – Eason: Further stated answer should be no), 26 (Williams: Disagree with answer provided – Requested information on Trust Fund for Snow Removal);
- Health Insurance: 27 (Williams: Concern with response. Mr. Mapp recommended the Governing Body to take action defining Full vs Part-time Employee Status from the Employee Handbook) 28 (Williams: Monthly review inquiry) 31 (Williams: Did the Administration notify employees of Health Care Act);
- Personnel: 36 (Williams/Eason/Marable/Corbitt: Made inquiry into City of Orange Township Website to reflect Salary & Wage Data), 37 (Williams: Discrepancy and concern with the accuracy of Time Management) 39 (Marable: Vacation Time carry over inquiry. Williams: Requested from Dan Smith, City Attorney all 5 Collective Bargaining Agreements \ Memorandum Agreements that represent the employees to be provided to Council within 2 weeks);
- Disaster Preparedness/Resiliency: 47 (Williams: Master Plan & Zoning Ordinances – Made inquiry into Committee).

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.

Council President Williams recognized the following Council Members:

Councilman Corbitt made the following inquires and posed questions:

- Ordinance 45-2013: Whether the business owners were consulted?
- Resolution 337-2013: How long has the Administration had funding for Colgate Park? Status of the tank removal of High and Alden Street project. Tree removal of Central Playground.
- Resolution 339-2013: Pg 12 – General Capital Home Improvement – Where are the windows located? Pg13 – Recreation: Movie ticket gift card and shipping.

Councilwoman Eason made the following inquires and posed questions:

- Ordinance 45-2013: Title modification to include inside and outside and Council is to be added.
- Resolution 337-2013: How to deter residents from hanging out at park.
- Resolution 339-2013: Inquired about Pg.1 - Flower purchase; Pg.3 - Acct 301 for \$311.82 - Is it a duplicate? Requested copy of purchase order for recreation movie ticket purchase and shipping.

Councilman Marable made the following inquires and posed questions:

- Ordinance 45-2013: Concern with cost to business owners.

Council President Williams made the following inquires and posed questions:

- Resolution 337-2013: Clarification of anticipated \$70,000 removed from project.
- Resolution 339-2013: Pg.11- Request removal of Recreation Banner.

Acting Business Administrator, Mapp made the following inquires and posed questions:

- Resolution 337-2013: Requested copies of Award Letters for BCDG Grants. Made inquiry into funding and/or awards for Resolution 263-2013.

Councilwoman Jones-Bell made the following inquires and posed questions:

- Resolution 339-2013: Pg 4 - Police Department Cell Phone Service for August.

5) MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION: Jones-Bell **VOICE VOTE ALL IN FAVOR** **SECOND:** Corbitt

ADJOURNMENT: 9:30PM

Passed on October 15, 2013

Conference Meeting on October 1, 2013.

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

Council President Williams announced the roll call as follows:

Councilwoman Eason cannot vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absences: Abdul-Rasheed and Gaunt-Butler

Council President Williams ruled the motion was carried by Four Yeas; No Nays; No Abstentions and Two Absent.