

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

**CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP NEW JERSEY  
CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES  
September 16, 2014**

This was a conference meeting of the City Council of Orange Township, located at 29 North Day Street, Orange, NJ. The meeting was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 7:05pm.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:**

East-Ward Councilman Kerry J. Coley  
At-Large Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt  
North Ward Councilwoman Tency A. Eason  
At-Large Councilwoman April Gaunt-Butler  
West Ward Councilman Harold J. Johnson, Jr.  
South Ward Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson  
At-Large Council President Donna K. Williams

**Also Present:**

Madeline Smith, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Dan S. Smith City Attorney  
Kevin D. Harris, Legislative Research Officer  
Margaret Homere, Clerk's Office

**Absent:** None.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk asked all to 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 both General Issues and Agenda Items, they will be allowed to speak for ten (10) minutes.

**Sunshine Law**

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 17, 2014, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk

**Matters for Discussion**

Presentation by Director Hakim Simms – Orange, N.J. Director of Police Quarterly

Councilman Corbitt asked Director Simms to step up to the Podium.

Director Simms did a Quarterly Report on the Following:

He reported that this past summer the Police Department extended their Strike Program that was developed by the Command Staff at the Police Department to take more Police Officers from desk duties and place them onto the streets to assist with Crime Prevention. He stated that they extended the program with two plans within in the program and concentrated on motor vehicle violations in hot spot areas. The plan was started by the Division of Traffic Safety a data driven crime analysis from a highway and traffic safety perspective, such as traffic stops, more individual stops and safety check points conducted in our City's more troubled areas. The desired affect that the presence of more police in those troubled areas would drive crime in those areas down. He stated that the program was successful for them because through-out the summer they saw a reduction in crime than the previous year. He gave the following statistics as follows:

- 100% reduction in homicides. He stated the homicides were predominantly in the City's troubles areas and that this year they had zero homicides. Last year they had four (4) homicides.
- 80% reduction in rape.
- 18% reduction in Robbery;
- Aggravated assaults went up, some of those occurred during a domestic violence occurrence which they had no control over as it happened in-doors.
- 4% reduction in simple assaults
- 5% reduction in burglaries.
- There was an increase in larceny thefts in homes, outside of homes, parked vehicles and minor thefts such as shop lifting. He stated that they were not sure why the increase happened but that they needed to do an analysis on where they occurred to see if there was an increase through-out the County.
- Increase in Auto Thefts, high end vehicles were being stolen by a ring through-out the State.

He stated that The Strike Program for the summer was successful and that they brought in a few more agencies to assist them. The Director stated that he had one officer assigned to a Federal Agency and a second to a different Federal Agency and as a result it brought them into Orange where they conduct their own investigations.

Director Simms asked the Council if they had any questions.

Councilman Corbitt asked if Carjackers included in his reference to car thefts.

Director Simms responded stating Carjackers had their own separate category but was included in the Robbery category.

Councilman Corbitt asked if there had been a rise in Carjacking in the City of Orange.

Director Simms responded stating not in the City of Orange, but there had been a rise in the County. He commented on an arrest that was made the prior night where one of their officers identified a vehicle. The officer checked the license plate and realized that it was a carjacked vehicle out of Newark, New Jersey. He stated that there was a lengthy pursuit that ended in Irvington, N.J. where two arrests were made and a recovery of a handgun. He reiterated that the City of Orange carjacking had not increased to date.

Councilman Corbitt commented on the young man who was brutally beaten in Orange Park the prior Saturday. He sated he understood the County had complete jurisdiction over Orange Park but wanted

to know if there was anything that the Orange Police Department could do as far as educating or informing Council and the residents on how they could assist in reducing those types of incidents. Director Simms stated the he couldn't respond as there was an on-going investigation at is time. He stated the County had rules for the parks and that if it was dark outside no one should be in the parks. He commented that if someone had to be in the Park at night that they should walk were there were lights.

Councilman Corbitt stated that he noticed that certain parks in the City of Orange gates were open after dusk. He asked if Director Simms thought it would be of assistance to the Police Department and safety to the City if those gates were chained and locked at night.

Director Simms stated that during the summer they did concentrate on the City's parks and the Police presence had increased. He stated that locking the parks sounded like a good idea but that if something were to happen the Police would not be able to get in if they didn't have a key and that would pose a problem.

Councilwoman Eason stated that the young man was beaten at the festival in the park and that it was not dark. She stated that he was there at the festival with his father who was a vendor.

Councilwoman Eason asked if the Police Department sill had a DEA Unit.

Director Simms asked if she meant a narcotic unit.

Councilwoman Eason responded yes. She stated that there was an uptake of drugs in her ward at the playground and in the back of the auto repair shop. She wanted to know what could be done.

Director Simms stated the he would make sure it was investigated.

Councilman Johnson, Jr. asked if Director Simms if his next report could include getting a crossing guard, police overtime and their pay, He also wanted the Director to report if there was any deficiencies in dispatchers, and other staffing issues.

Director Simms responded stating that he would. He stated that they did hire three and one more was scheduled to return. He stated that they did have crossing guards and that nine was accounted for in this year's budget. He stated he was waiting for a hire date for one dispatcher and looking at applications for another dispatcher. He stated that by the next report the positions should be filled.

Council President wanted clarification on the three he stated that was hired.

Director Simms stated that they were crossing guards.

Councilwoman Eason stated that they hired three but that there were two new locations.

Director Simms stated that they had a lot of vacancies.

Council President asked if he would be able to project that by the end of the year they would have all the crossing guards that were accounted for in the budget.

Director Simms responded with a yes.

Councilman Coley thanked the Director for doing a fine job. He commented on the Police Department being under staffed for many years. He commented on the City having more development which may be bringing crime to the City and that more Police and Firemen needed to be hired to keep up with the new volume of residents to the City.

Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler congratulated Director Simms' on a job well done for this past summer especially in the area of reduction in violent.

Director Simms expressed his gratitude.

Councilman Corbitt asked Director Simms if they had any intentions in hiring any special police officers.

Director Simms stated that there were four slots added in this year's budget for special officers, but they were at the mercy of the Police Academy when they held their class. He stated that he did have

applications for officers would like to become special officers and that he was waiting for another date from the Academy.

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson stated that she had called 911 from her home phone for her son who was sick and it took twenty minutes before an ambulance got to her house. She stated that she knew if she called 911 from her cell phone it was picked up by the State Police. She asked how many ambulances were in service during the day and how many were in service at night.

Director Simms stated there was at least one or two ambulance during the day time and at least one at night.

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson asked how the numbers could be increased. She stated that the company that provided the ambulance that showed up at her home did not know the areas because they had to use GPS to get to St. Barnabas Hospital from her home.

Director Simms stated that the Business Administrator's Office along with the Fire Department might be able to assist.

Councilwoman Eason commented that the officers and Director Simms were doing a great job. She stated that along with hiring new officers they would also need police cars. She stated that it was good to see the items on the agenda for new officers and police cars.

Council President suggested to the Police Department to use the Rice List which had officers who had been laid off as resources for the Special Police positions.

Director Simms stated that usually when an officer had been laid off they were normally looking for work at different Police Departments. He stated that unless any of those officers reached out he would have no way of knowing if they were still looking for a job.

Council President asked Director Simms if he had any closing statements.

Director Simms stated that he wanted to give a note of thanks through the Strike Program to the New Jersey Transit Police Department that had helped them tremendously at the train platforms. He stated the Orange Trains Station had the sky watch active. The Director stated that they also had officers that rode the trains got off periodically in Orange giving more of a police presence. He stated that the sheriff's department had increased their patrol on Central Avenue but that he would speak to them about going through the park.

Councilman Corbitt stated that he had asked about the holiday plans for Main Street and other shopping areas that were quickly approaching.

Director Simms stated that in the budget there was another line item prior to the vehicles bond ordinance. He stated that since they were getting the funds through the bond ordinance, that some of the funds would be used to purchase a motorized scooter type vehicle that would be used to patrol Main Street. He stated the he hoped to have it in short order to increase their presence on Main Street during the holiday hours. He stated that through the City there would be a Strike type plan in effect. The Director stated in closing that his plans were to continue to use what had been working and to make changes where necessary.

Council President extended a thank you to the Police Department for a job well done.

A Review on Paid Sick Leave Pros & Cons.

By: Ms. Marcia Marley

Councilman Corbitt commented that many of the residence as well as Council may have heard about an ordinance that had been passed in many cities that pertained to paid sick leave. He had asked Ms. Marcia Marley who he had met several months ago along with Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler at a

citizen's group to make a presentation to educate everyone on the pros and cons of having paid sick leave.

Councilman Corbitt asked Ms. Marley to step to the podium. He also acknowledged Mr. Craig Garcia who accompanied her.

Ms. Marley stated that she was a part of the Time to Care Coalition as well Working Family Coalition. She thanked the Council for giving her this platform to speak on the Ordinance that had passed in a number of New Jersey cities regarding the subject of Paid Sick Leave. She stated that a similar Ordinance first passed in Newark and recently in East Orange, Irvington, Passaic, Paterson and would be voted on in November in Montclair and Trenton. She stated that a similar Ordinance was passed earlier in Jersey City. She stated that the issue was a serious public health issue and the ordinance should be enacted on its public health merits alone.

Ms. Marley stated that the Center of Disease Control found that more than 10 million cases of food illness are cause by sick restaurant workers that contaminated food while at work each year. More than half of Norovirus outbreaks can be traced to sick food service workers. She stated that 79% of the food industry workers don't have sick paid days.

Ms. Marley commented on the benefits of paid sick days as follows:

- Reduces work related injuries according to the Institute of Occupation Health & Safety;
- Reduce the use of Hospital Emergency Rooms by 14% according to research;
- The health cost savings from reducing the spread of diseases and less emergency visits had been estimated at over \$1 billion dollars per year;
- It strengthens families and helps parents. Ms. Marley stated that her mother was fired once for staying home to take care of her when she was sick. She commented that parents shouldn't have to choose between their children's health and their job and;
- Parents who have sick paid days are 20% less likely to send a sick child to school thereby infecting others. She stated that 1 in 4 parents that had children with asthma have missed doctor's appointments because they could not get off from work.

Ms. Marley stated that it was a question of justice and providing a level playing field. She stated that the workers with the least ability to absorb the loss of pay were the most vulnerable to losing their jobs and often they were women. She stated that taking a few days of un-paid sick days could equal a week's grocery bill. Ms. Marley commented on the negatives from not passing the ordinance:

- She stated that some businesses have claimed that paid sick days would increase cost and as a result would cause small businesses to relocate to other Towns;
- Increase un-employment; and
- Cause businesses to close.

Ms. Marley stated that none of the fears of the businesses have been materialized. She stated that there was evidence from studies that productivity of workers who had earned sick days had increased especially for businesses in Connecticut. She stated that it was based on real live experience and data. She stated that research showed that the costs to businesses from this legislation were minimal and that the benefits for employees, employers and the public were substantial. That locations that had implemented sick paid days were doing well and the law was now supported by an overwhelming majority of all Cities and State businesses in the areas that had passed the ordinance such as

Connecticut, San Francisco, Washington D.C., Seattle and Jersey City. She stated that employers had not moved to other Towns and un-employment had not increased in those Towns. She mentioned that in San Francisco the Golden Gate Restaurant Association that initially opposed the ordinance called it, the best public policy for the least cost. That Connecticut enacted the first statewide sick paid days law and that since its passing in 2011, employment had grown in the two sectors that were most impacted which were leisure, hospitality, education and health services. That more than 3/4 of Connecticut's businesses had supported the law and 89% reported no meaningful increase in cost. That the research showed a significant reduction in workers going to work sick and not being productive. The Main Street Alliance of Washington State found no negative impact from the law contrary to warnings from opponents. Ms. Marley stated that data showed that the workers did not abuse the allowance and that for those workers who had five (5) allowed days the industry rated average, had only taken 2.4 of those days. She commented that she understood that small businesses may raise concerns over compliance and costs. Ms. Marley reported that the ordinance would help hard working people keep their jobs; strengthen families; improve public health and increase worker productivity. It would be a win, win for the entire Country.

Ms. Marley asked Mr. Craig Garcia to step to the podium and speak on why they have insisted on the same ordinance being passed in each Town.

Mr. Garcia stated that one of the reasons they have insisted on the same ordinance being passed in each town was to develop a uniformed policy that would not be a burden upon businesses that were trying to develop across the State. He stated that employers or employees would not have to think about the differences in the laws for each Town. He stated that for every thirty hours worked one hour towards sick days would be accrued up to five sick days through-out the year. He stated that this would keep it simple, understandable and prevents any grievances against the policy.

Council President stated that the ordinance was not on the agenda for that night, but that Working Family just wanted to inform and prepare the Council and the residents about the ordinance. She stated that Mr. Garcia sent three attachments to be reviewed. She stated that Councilman Corbitt may be offering that ordinance at a later date for first reading.

Council President asked Mr. Garcia if he had any final words for the public.

He stated that the ordinance was a win for employees but that it was also a win for small business owners.

Ms. Marley stated that because of the outreach in East Orange the head of the Chamber of Commerce was in favor of the ordinance and supported it as well

Ms. Britney Timberlake introduced herself as a member of Blue Wave and stated that she was also in support of the ordinance. She urged the Council to seriously consider the ordinance. She commented that Orange was known for helping the low to moderate income individuals. She commented on Ms. Marley's presentation and the facts that she presented and how it would make a difference between someone keeping and losing their job.

Council President asked if any of the Council members had questions for Ms. Marley or Mr. Garcia.

Councilman Corbitt stated that he didn't have a question, but had a statement. He stated as it related to paid sick leave that one of the wins that was articulated in an email that was sent to all Council Members stated the fact that if someone had the flu and because they weren't being paid for sick leave, that more than likely they would go to work which as a result might cause more people from the job to get sick. He stated that he appreciated Ms. Marley's portion of her presentation relating to small businesses and the possibility for them to close being very slim based on the facts.

**Resolutions and Ordinances**

The Deputy Clerk stated that any Resolutions and Ordinances that were listed on Regular Meeting Agenda could be discussed at that time.

- Council President stated to the other Council Member that Resolution 218-2014 had been removed from the Agenda as per the Finance Committee.
- Councilman Corbitt had a question as it pertained to Resolution 218-2014. He was directed by Council President to contact any Members from the Committee as it was not up for discussion that night.
- Councilman Corbitt stated that he had two Resolutions that he wanted to discuss. He stated the first was Resolution 220-2014. He wanted to know the type of vehicles they were and if they were pick-up trucks.
- Mr. Mayes responded stating that both vehicles were in fact pick-up trucks that it was specifically requested because they came with a plow package and would be used to plow snow for the Police Department and Public Works.
- Councilman Corbitt asked how the vehicles would be use when the winter season was over.
- Mr. Mayes stated that it was question for Police Director Simms.
- Council President asked Director Simms to step to the podium.
- Director Simms responded stating that the pick-up truck would serve different purposes such as using it to pick up the speed reader. He stated that their regular police car wouldn't be able to pull the reader out on to the street. He stated the one they were using at that time was on its last leg. He listed other ways the Police Department would use the pick-up truck.
- Councilman Corbitt stated that other resolution he wanted to discuss was Resolution 221-2014. He stated he was concerned about the type of vehicles to be purchased being SUVs. He stated he thought that The Public Works would have a greater need for bigger vehicle that would be used to load garbage and debris as well as being able to push snow. He stated that he was not sure if the SUVs would be able to perform those tasks. He asked why they would opt to get the SUVs as appose to the bigger truck he felt that they needed.
- Mr. Mayes responded stating that one of the vehicles referenced in the Resolution was to be used in the Code Enforcement Department which was allotted for in the budget. He stated that they wanted to have similar vehicles as the police department marked and striped making it identifiable to the public. He stated that the vehicle would be used to carry different things like barricades. He stated that they also needed a vehicle that had storage capabilities.
- Councilman Corbitt stated that he believed that some of the code enforcement officers were using their personal vehicles and wanted to know if he was correct.
- Mr. Mayes responded stating that was correct.
- Councilman Corbitt asked if the vehicles were going to be given to any specific individual who would be driving them to and from work.
- Mr. Mayes stated that the vehicles would be striped and lined and identifiable, but would not have the same type of package that the Police vehicle had. That the vehicles would be assigned to a specific department and not to a specific individual.
- Councilman Corbitt asked if that meant that the vehicles would stay on the City property overnight.
- Mr. Mayes responded stating that was correct.

- Councilwoman Eason asked Mr. Mayes how he was going to be able to ensure the Council that vehicles would not be given to someone else in the Administration.
- Mr. Mayes responded stating that there was a great need for the vehicles in Code Enforcement.
- Councilwoman Eason stated that she understood the need, but wanted the Council to be assured that the vehicles would only be used for Code Enforcement and/or Public Works. She asked Mr. Mayes if he would be able to put in writing the assignment of the vehicles to Code Enforcement and/or Public Works.
- Mr. Mayes stated that he wouldn't have a problem doing so.
- Council President asked City Attorney, Dan Smith about having a legal document ensuring the assignment of the vehicle to a department and having that vehicle stay in said department.
- Mr. Smith stated that a sign in sign out mechanism could be put in place by the Director to keep track of the use of the vehicle and who would be using it. He also stated the Director would be able take disciplinary actions against anyone for inappropriate use of the truck.
- Mr. Mayes stated that the truck would have a GPS system that he would be able run a report at any time to where they or where they had been.
- Councilwoman Eason stated that her concerns were not with the public works employees or whether or not the vehicle had a GPS system, but ensuring that no one from the Administration would be able to take the vehicle from Public Works. She also wanted to know who would handle the disciplinary actions if necessary
- Mr. Smith stated that there should be no debate if any vehicle or equipment that had been given to the City was being used in the appropriate manner. He stated that if someone was using the vehicles to joy-ride that there should be a written complaint and disciplinary action taken.
- Councilwoman Eason wanted to know if Mr. Smith meant that the vehicle would be improperly used if someone outside of Public Works was seen using the vehicle.
- Mr. Smith responded with a 'no' and clarified by stating that the use of the vehicle may be investigated on a case by case bases to determine whether or not it was being improperly used. He stated that the Administration did not stand by the improper use of any vehicles or equipment by any employees under any circumstances.
- Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler requested a license plate inventory list.
- Councilwoman Eason stated that she thought the Council did receive the list, but it did not state who the vehicles were assigned to. She stated that the Council needed a more detailed list which would include the assignment of each vehicle.
- Councilwoman Eason asked Mr. Mayes if it would be possible to provide the Council with a monthly GPS report on each vehicle.
- Mr. Mayes stated that it would not be a problem.
- Council President stated that the license plate list would be further discussed in the Council's Comments section of the meeting.
- Councilman Coley stated that Mr. Mayes stated earlier that the vehicles would have clear line makings similar to that of the police vehicles and that he doubted that anyone would use them inappropriately.
- Council President stated that the strength would be in the policy that was put in place. She stated that they had to make sure that they had a strong policy.
- Council President asked if there were any more questions for Resolution 221-2014.



- Councilman Corbitt asked why the two vehicles were being presented to the Council before more of an urgent need for other vehicles such as sweepers.
- Mr. Mayes stated that the sweepers would be presented before the Council at the next meeting. He stated that he believe the bid would be done the following Tuesday or Wednesday.
- Council President asked if there were any other questions or comments on any other items on the agenda.
- Councilwoman Eason stated she had two questions on Resolution 229-2014. She wanted to know what the duties of the Public Works Committee were.
- Council President responded stating that the committee was created by ordinance with an outline of their duties and that she would be able to email her a copy.
- Council President asked Mr. Mayes if the committee had done a meeting.
- Mr. Mayes stated that they had not met at that time, but that they would be meeting the following Thursday.
- Council President stated specifically they were working with the Public Works Department on their equipment, outlining the needs of the parks and the streets as well as any issues relating to Public Works. She stated that all the information on their duties was outlined in the ordinance.
- Councilwoman Eason asked if anyone could attend their meeting. She stated that she didn't appoint anyone to that committee and therefore she would be attending their meetings.
- Council President asked if she was going to attend the meeting herself, rather than appointing someone.
- Councilwoman Eason responded with a yes. She stated that she felt that the North Ward was being neglected.
- Council President suggested that Councilwoman Eason contact the Chairperson of the Board to receive the dates for the meeting.
- Councilwoman Eason commented on Resolution 228-2014 and asked when had it become a policy that there be an alternate for the Rent Leveling Board.
- Council President asked if Attorney, Smith had the information before him.
- Councilwoman Eason stated that in the history of the Rent Leveling Board she had never known them to have alternates.
- Council President stated that she didn't have the make-up of the board. She asked if Ms. Knight was still in the room.
- Councilwoman Eason stated that it was Ms. Sandy Mason for Rent Leveling and not Ms. Knight.
- Council President asked Ms. Knight if she would be able to speak on the make-up of the Rent Leveling Board.
- Ms. Knight stated that she wasn't able to speak on it.
- Council President asked Mr. Mayes if Ms. Sandy Mason alerted the Mayor of the vacancy and if he knew how the appointment came about.
- Mr. Mayes stated that he would look into it.
- Councilwoman Eason stated that it was not a vacancy and that it was an alternate. She requested that the Resolution be tabled until the Council received an explanation.
- Council President stated that just because it's an alternate doesn't mean that it's a vacancy. She stated there could be vacancies that were a part of the Board.

- Council President stated that the Council would take a five minute break and asked Attorney, Smith if he would have an answer after the break and if he didn't then they would table the Resolution.
- Councilwoman Eason stated that she had questions regarding the Bill List. She stated that she had given Director Mapp some questions and that she was expecting him to be there to respond. She stated that she didn't think there was anyone there from the Finance Department.
- Council President stated that Ms. TaQuisha Knight was present from the Finance Department and that between her and Director Mayes the questions should to be answered.
- Councilwoman Eason asked Ms. Knight if Director Mapp forwarded her questions to her.
- Councilwoman Eason asked Ms. Knight to respond to her questions.
- Ms. Knight introduced herself and responded stating that:
  - Page 17 of the Bill List:
  - \$302- the request for reimbursement from Ms. Adrienne Wooten paid for tolls to a WNBA game for students, transmission fluid for the city bus, tennis rackets purchased for the summer Tennis Program & back to school note books to fill some of the bags that had none.
  - \$297.57 - paid for food and supplies for the HIV Seminar held in the senior building as well as items for the senior fashion show.
  - \$1,409.00 - The Italian Festival co-sponsored by the City of Orange for a two days stage rental, Tent, the steps and delivery.
  - A reimbursement for Sally Wright for name tags for MOET workers and balloons purchased for the picnic. Ms. stated that she was the coordinator for the M.O.E.T. Program for the summer.
  - \$1,100.00 for the Jamaican Flag Banner.
- Councilwoman Eason asked Ms. Knight to respond to the question as to the \$1,100.00 purchase of the Jamaican Flag Banner.
- Ms. Knight responded stated that there were fees collected and was placed in a trust.
- Councilwoman Eason stated the money was being taken out of their budget.
- Ms. Knight stated that she would look into the matter.
- Councilwoman Eason commented on the \$1,100 being spent on a Jamaican Flag.
- Ms. Knight responded stating that there was a Jamaican Flag Ceremony and although she wasn't certain she thought that it went hand in hand with the Caribbean Festival that was held.
- Councilwoman Eason spoke of her concern about the Administration's spending. She stated that some of the other items came out of the Trust Account because there was a "T" next to the item. She stated that there was no "T" next to the \$1,100.00 for the Jamaican Flag Banner purchase. She stated that Mr. Mapp assured her that any items dealing with festivals would be taken out of the Trust Account.
- Ms. Knight responded stating that Councilwoman Eason could pull the item and that she would check the account the next day to see if the item came out the Trust Account and that it may be an oversight.
- Councilwoman Eason stated that she saw an item for a sidewalk banner for \$1,100. She asked why the banners were so expensive.
- Ms. Knight stated that she would have to check into it. She asked if the cost in question was for the Jamaican Festival.
- Councilwoman Eason stated that the description stated a sidewalk banner for \$1,100.00
- Ms. Knight stated that if it was a sidewalk banner, that it might be through Mr. Mayes.

- Council President asked Mr. Mayes about the purchase of the banners.
- Mr. Mayes stated that he couldn't speak specifically for that banner, but that \$1,100.00 was not unusual for the purchase of a banner.
- Councilwoman Eason stated that she had purchased banners for a lot less. She commented on the cost being too much. She asked if they were going to use the banner for the next ten years.
- Mr. Mayes responded stating that it was a generic banner that could be used again.
- Councilman Corbitt stated that the banner in question was not generic.
- Council President stated that if the Administration stayed the same then the banner would be generic.
- Councilwoman Eason stated that the banner was not generic because there was a picture on it.
- Mr. Mayes stated that he didn't believe that there was a picture on the banner.
- Council President stated to Ms. Knight that there were funds allocated for cultural affairs.
- Council President asked Councilwoman Eason if she wanted to know if the items were above and beyond the funds allocated for cultural affairs or did she feel the items weren't spent in the best way.
- Councilwoman Eason responded stating she didn't feel the funds were spent in the best way because they were trying to decrease the budget.
- Councilman Corbitt asked about the invoice for the T-Shirts that were used for the M.O.E.T summer program. He wanted to know where to find it on the Bill List or had it been presented to the Council.
- Ms. Knight stated that she wasn't sure if it had been presented to the Council as that time, but she believed that it was already presented. She stated that if a purchase order was submitted that there would be an invoice attached.
- Councilman Corbitt responded with an ok.
- Council President asked Ms. Knight to inform Mr. Mapp to prepare a presentation for the next meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup> on the M.O.E.T program and include the total cost, hours funded including the goal and the outcome and if the goals were attained.
- Councilwoman Eason asked that Mr. Mapp include how the employees were acquired.
- Councilwoman Eason requested that Ms. Knight continue on page 21 of the Bill List.
- Ms. Knight continued to explain the cost for items on the Bill List;
  - Page 21 of the Bill List:
  - EIC is a third-party company that is contracted with the City of Orange for elevator inspections. These are funds collected by vendors and placed in a Trust Account. The invoices were created on a monthly basis. Ms. Knight answered these and other questions for Councilwoman Eason.
- Councilwoman Eason stated she had no further questions.
- Council President asked if there were any more questions on the Bill List and if there were any more questions for Ms. Knight.
- Council President thanked Ms. Knight.
- Council President asked if there were any other items on the agenda to be discussed.

**Council President Williams entertained a Motion to Adjourn.**

**MOTION: Summers-Johnson**

**Voice Vote**

**SECOND: Gaunt-Butler**

**The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 8:26 P.M.**



**Madeline F. Smith, RMC**  
**Deputy Municipal Clerk**



**Donna K. Williams**  
**Council President**