





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

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Absences:** Abdul-Rasheed

**Council President Eason rules the motion was carried by Six Yeas; No Nays; No Abstentions; One Absence.**

**5) REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee reports by Hon. Donna K. Williams**

- City Clerk's Office Month of March 2013 - \$107.75
- City Clerk's Office Month April 2013 - \$794.70
- Community Services Month of April 2013 - \$14,232.00

**CONSTABLE REPORTS:**

Eddie Stone – Month of April 2013

Cuthbert Harris – Month of April 2013

**OPRA REQUEST REPORTS**

23 Completed OPRA Requests 2 Outstanding

**President directs 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.**

**Darius Galate of 58 Montaw Ave, West Orange NJ stated the following:**

- Announced the upcoming June Street and Fireworks Festival.

**Jeff Feld stated his concerns and inquiries as follows:**

- Library: Stated he has not received OPRA Request.
- Resolution 190 & 191-2013: Would like to see backup documents.
- Retention of outside Counsel: Have not seen the Pay-to-Play Resolutions. Why?

**William Lewis stated his concerns and inquires as follows:**

- Would like for Council to thoroughly review the Fiscal Financial Statement.
- Ordinance 13-20163: Oppose Ordinance and appealed to council to not approve.
- Ordinance 15 & 16-2013: Questioned the Tax Exemption schedule... Where is it?
- Resolutions 196 & 197-2013: States there's a conflict of interest.

**Edith Sutherland, Former Library Employee, Maplewood resident stated her concerns and inquires as follows:**

- How does one communicate with Library? No one answers at the phone number provided for the library.
- Stated she visited the Orange Township website and stated Mr. John Mason, the previous and now deceased Business Administrator is still listed on the website.
- Filed an OPRA Request and has not received complete information.
- Requested Library Board Member.
- Stated for the record she has been paid for her last week on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**Rene Garzon stated his concerns and inquires as follows:**

- Commented on the Library Board lack of response and transparency.
- Filed a complaint and will file another.
- Pension funds for January, February and March of the current year has not been paid nor documented.

**Marina Vandermeer of 133 Lincoln Avenue stated her concerns and inquires as follows:**

- Parking: Stated there is a four way stop signage on Lincoln Avenue; In addition to a yellow curbside; stating vehicles still park at said locations.
- Would like for the police to enforce signage and prohibit parking by way of citing violators with tickets.
  - Police Director Hakim Simms: Stated he would post a vehicle at location to get an assessment.

**Mr. Robinson of 416 Mechanic Street stated his concerns and inquires as follows:**

- Trucks are still coming through Lincoln Avenue.
- Garbage cans are needed for Scotland Rd?

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

- Stated there is a parking problem all over the city.
- Q: Are developers allotting enough on-site parking with their development?
- Concerned with the closing of the Library.
- Would like to know the status of the Business Administrator and Municipal Clerk?
- Recreation: How many people from the Township of Orange has the developers hired?
- Would like to see the Mayor attend the Council Meetings.

**Murphy Wilson of 362 Heywood Avenue stated her concerns and inquires as follows:**

- Echo the sentiments of Gloria Stewart in need a Full-Time Municipal Clerk.
- Ordinance 15 & 16-2013: Stated vital information has not been reviewed.
- Resolution 196 & 197-2013: Concerned with the need for more legal counsel.

**Ken Garrett, Representative for the County of Essex stated the following:**

- Introduced Maurice Brown, Director of Division of Community Action presented a brief overview of Consumer Issues on Weights and Measures.
- Would like to re-present a full presentation at the June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Council Meeting for Matters of Discussion.
- Announced Essex Summer Music 2013 Free Concert Series and Festivals at Monte Irvin Orange Park

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

- Ordinance 15 & 16-2013: Concerned with tax exemptions.
- Why would Library choose to fix the floor than the leaking ceiling?
- Fines for OPRA inquiries.
- Fire & Police Director: Would like to know their Current vs. Need Base Staffing?
  - Chief Dowd, Fire: Understaffed due to retirees
  - Director Simms, Police: Current 104... Requirement 119.

**Darlene Sample of 92-94 Park Street stated her concerns and inquiries as follows:**

- Speeding on Park Street
- Hole in ground on Park Street. Code Enforcement was notified to no response.
- Inquire about Decency Ordinance to deter residents from wearing their pants down.
- Announced Upcoming Festival hosted by the Park Street Community Outreach.

**Delia Alvarez of 142 Lincoln Avenue stated her concerns and inquiries as follows:**

- Complained three times to the Police Department about the noise disturbance at 143 Lincoln Avenue.
- On April 8, 2013 Ms. Alvarez sent a Petition to the Mayor regarding Noise Disturbance. Noting the Mayor has done nothing to remedy the situation.

**Motion to Close Citizen Comments:**

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

**8) COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Council President Eason recognized the following Council Members for comment:**

**Councilman Corbitt:**

- Ordinance 15 & 16: Had conversations with 2 individuals and is ready to vote.
- Three Traffic Lights are still out on the corner of Lincoln and Central Avenue.
- Sneakers are still dangling on wire located between Hillyer and Glenwood Avenue.

**Councilwoman Jones-Bell:**

- Commended resident Darlene Sample on all of her community interest, participation and outreach. Invites Council Members to partake and support the Programs and Festivities initiated by Ms. Sample Park Street Community Outreach Organization.
- Made inquiry into the destruction schedule of the house that burned down on South Essex Street.

**Councilman Marable Jr.:**

- Glad to see Council Meeting held in the community at Lincoln Avenue School; reflecting on his days of attending in 1966 & 1967.
- Extended condolences to the Finance Director, Mr. Adrian Mapp Family.
- Concerned with Orange Library Representative(s) not contacting nor showing up for Matters of Discussion on the Agenda.
- Extended invitation for the Orange Library to be rescheduled June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Council Meeting.

**Councilwoman Williams:**

- Extended continued prayers to the families in Oklahoma.
- Asked Police Director Simms and Fire Chief Dowd to keep the Council informed of their initiatives so the Council can continue to support their causes.
- To the City Attorney, Dan Smith: The information on the Library Board of Trustee has not been received to date.
- Commented on a statement made from the public regarding the notion that the Development Projects are being rushed. Stating Director Marty Mayes and the Redevelopment Attorney diligently work with Developers for years prior to any projects being presented to the public to ensure the betterment of the community.

**Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler:**

- Made inquiry into the time and date of the airing of today's Council Meeting.

**Council President Eason:**

- Made Public Works aware of potholes on 495 Birdside Place.
- Announced Job Fair at Orange Preparatory Academy.

**9) ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

**13-2013 City of Orange Township Essex County, New Jersey Calendar Year 2013 Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A 40A: 4-45.14).**

**a) Second reading by title**

**Council President Eason recognized the following for comment.**

**Murphy Wilson:**

- Stated the Council should not be expanding budget.

**On the Motion,** Councilman Marable stated the Council is not expanding the budget but providing flexibility that may be necessary.

**b) Motion to close public hearing:**

**Motion:** Corbitt      **VOICE VOTE**      **Second:** Williams

**c) Motion for final adoption:**

**Motion:** Corbitt      **Second:** Williams

**Council President Eason announced the roll call as follows:**

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

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Absences:** None

**Council President Eason rules the motion was carried by Seven Yeas; No Nays; No Abstentions; No Absences.**

**15-2013 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township authorizing the execution of a financial agreement with Harvard Development Urban Renewal Associates, LLC granting a tax exemption for the Harvard Press Housing Project.**

**a) Second reading by title**

**Council President Eason recognized the following for comment.**

- Jeff Feld, Murphy Wilson and Katalin Gordon oppose Ordinance.
- Patricia Rogers supports the Harvard Press Housing Project.

**b) Motion to close public hearing:**

**Motion:** Corbitt      **VOICE VOTE**      **Second:** Jones-Bell

**c) Motion for final adoption:**

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

**Council President Eason announced the roll call as follows:**

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

**Council President Eason rules the motion was carried by Seven Yeas; No Nays; No Abstentions; No Absences.**

**16-2013**

**An ordinance of the City of Orange Township authorizing the execution of a financial agreement with Walter G. Alexander Village Urban Renewal III, LLC, Granting a Tax Exemption for Walter G. Alexander Village Phase III.**

**a) Second reading by title**

**Council President Eason recognized the following for comment.**

- Jeff Feld and Katalin Gordon oppose Ordinance.

**b) Motion to close public hearing:**

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

**C) Motion for final adoption:**

**Motion:** Williams      **Second:** Gaunt-Butler

**Council President Eason announced the roll call as follows:**

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





**Council President Eason stated the following Resolutions have been removed for a Separate Vote: 196-2013, 197-2013, 198-2013, 205-2013 and 206-2013.**

**Council President Eason announced Resolutions 190-2013 and 191-2013 has been **WITHDRAWN** by the Administration; and Resolutions 200-2013 and 201-2013 has been **WITHDRAWN** by Council.**

- \*190-2013** A resolution declaring an emergency with regard to Ordinance #15-2013 and waiving the twenty day waiting period.
- \*191-2013** A resolution declaring an emergency with regard to Ordinance #16-2013 and waiving the twenty day waiting period.
- \*200-2013** A resolution appointing Council Member Hassan Abdul-Rasheed as the Liaison to the Alcohol Beverage Control Board of the City of Orange Township.
- \*201-2013** A resolution appointing Council Member Edward B. Marable, Jr., as the Liaison to the Library Trustees of the Orange Public Library of the City of Orange Township.

**Council President Eason announced that Resolutions 207-2013 and 208-2013 will be brought from the floor and **ADDED** to the Consent Agenda. Council President read the Resolutions into the record by title.**

- \*207-2013** A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, New Jersey declaring an Emergency and Waiving the Estoppel Period for Ordinance 15-2013 the Harvard Press Financial Agreement Approval.
- \*208-2013** A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, New Jersey declaring an Emergency and Waiving the Estoppel Period for Ordinance 16-2013 the Walter G. Alexander III Financial Agreement Approval.

**Council President Eason entertained a motion to Suspend the Rule and ADD Resolutions 207-2013 and 208-2013 to the Consent Agenda.**

**Motion:** Abdul-Rasheed

**Second:** Jones-Bell

**Council President Eason announced the roll call as follows:**

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

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Absences:** None

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

**RESOLUTIONS: \*188-2013 – \*208-2013**

- \*188-2013** A resolution authorizing the Chamber of Commerce, Division of Merchants to conduct sidewalk sales in the City of Orange Township, New Jersey on June 6, 7 and 8, July 11, 12 and 13, August 8, 9 and 10. In the event of rain the sale shall take place on June 15, July 20 and August 17, 2013.
- \*189-2013** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to add various vacant structures to its existing City of Orange Township abandoned properties list.
- \*192-2013** A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Hatch Mott MacDonald, 27 Bleeker Street, Millburn, New Jersey 07041-1008 to provide licensed site remediation professional services to comply with current NJDEP administrative requirements for site remediation of the former tank removal project located at the Central Firehouse Headquarters the amount not to exceed \$43,500.00
- \*193-2013** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the New High and Alden Street Park to Your Way Construction, 404 Coit Street, Irvington, New Jersey 07111 in the amount not to exceed \$244,630.00.
- \*194-2013** A resolution authorizing the refund of 2013 first and second quarter taxes paid due to inadvertent payment in the amount of \$3,272.28.
- \*195-2013** A resolution authorizing the refund of taxes due to state board judgments in the amount of \$7,697.50.
- \*199-2013** A resolution authorizing the issuance of a Raffle License for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.
- \*202-2013** A resolution expressing gratitude and thanks to Fire Captain Joseph Moresco for Acts of Heroism and Bravery.
- \*203-2013** A resolution expressing gratitude and thanks to Fire Fighter Marquis Bonds for Acts of Heroism and Bravery.
- \*204-2013** A resolution expressing gratitude and thanks to Fire Fighter Jorge Aspiazu for Acts of Heroism and Bravery.
- \*207-2013** A resolution of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, New Jersey declaring an Emergency and Waiving the Estoppel Period for Ordinance 15-2013 the Harvard Press Financial Agreement Approval.





**\*206-2013 A resolution amending resolution 226-2012 appointing Kevin D. Harris to the position of Temporary Legislative Research Officer.**

**Motion:** Corbitt                      **Second:** Williams

**Council President Eason announced the roll call as follows:**

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

**Nays:** Abdul-Rasheed

**Abstentions:** None

**Absences:** None

**Council President Eason rules the motion was carried by Six Yeas; One Nay; No Abstentions; No Absences.**

**12) OTHER PENDING BUSINESS**

**13) MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

**Adjournment Time: 10:53PM**

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**Margarette Homere**  
**Acting Deputy Municipal Clerk**

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**Tency A. Eason**  
**Council President**

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

**Passed on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Conference & Regular Meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013**

**Motion to Adopt:** Gaunt-Butler                      **Second:** JONES-BELL

**The roll call by Council President Eason was as followed:**

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

**Nays: None**

**Abstentions: None**

**Absences: Abdul-Rasheed and Marable**

**Council President Eason ruled the Motion was Carried by Five Yeas; No Nays; No Abstentions and Two Absences.**