

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

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 29, NORTH DAY STREET, ORANGE, NEW JERSEY, ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk, lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call:

Present:

East-Ward Councilman Kerry J. Coley
At-Large Councilman Elroy A. Corbitt
North Ward Councilwoman Tency A. Eason
West Ward Councilman Harold J. Johnson, Jr.
South Ward Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson

Also Present:

Madeline Smith, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Dwayne D. Darren, Attorney
Dan S. Smith City Attorney
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance
Mr. Towns, Legislative Research Office
Margaret Homere, Clerk's Office
Marty Mayes, Representing Administration

Absent:

At-Large Councilwoman April Gaunt-Butler
At-Large Council President Donna K. Williams

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.

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.

APPROVAL OF MUNUTES OF PERVIOUS MEETINGS

None

REPORTS:

Deputy Clerk Smith:

Reported the amount collected from the Clerk's Office for the month of November 2014- \$346.95 & also for the month of December 2014 \$1467.06

and also reported the amount collected from Community Services for the month collected from the Clerk's Office for the month November 2014- \$11,587.00

Deputy Clerk Smith – reported

NONE- OPRA REPORT

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Coley reported that there was nothing from the Police Department at this time. He Yield to the Police Director Sims, Director Sims stated that report will be giving quarterly and there is homicide in 2014. By late February or March a full report will be giving.

Hon. Williams questioned if there is any report from the Fire Department

Acting Fire Director, Kenneth Douglass re-introduced himself and looking forward to work with the Governing Body.

Hon. Eason questioned the Mayor regarding the interviewing process for the Fire Director, Mayor responded dates will be forwarded, and Hon. Williams, thanked Mr. Douglass.

Hon. Williams thanked Mr. Douglas and called out for Public works Committee report.

Mr. Sakloski stated that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15 and they will be organized for the New Year.

Hon. Johnson gave a verbal report regarding the Orange Housing Authority, he had a discussion with Mr. McNeil, advised him for the councilmember's to submit a correct resolution appointing Dennis Motley to the Housing Authority. a meeting was held on December 18, but he was not able to attend because of previous engagement he had, once he obtained a copy of the minutes, he will be able to give a report.

Hon. Eason stated that there was no meeting; she announced the closing of White Castle.

Hon. Johnson questioned about the Planning Board minutes posted on the City's Website

Hon. Summers-Johnson gave an update regarding some improvement made in the Orange **Library**.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

None

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

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.

William R. Lewis, 688 Moss wood Avenue, Orange, N.J.

- Mr. Lewis made reference regarding Council Agenda and also the timing on Citizens comments,
- Mr. Lewis also made reference regarding how no one made appeal on resolution No. 4, 5 and 6-2015.

Jeffrey Feld, local businessman; 268 Main Orange, NJ wwnj.com website

- Mr. Feld commended Hon. Eason for raising issues regarding the Budget process
- Mr. Feld stated there is a new Director of the Local Finance Board; he does not the reason why he was replaced.
- He made comments regarding an Editorial posted on New Jersey Law Journal.
- He commented on the Bill Lists being posted on the City's Website.
- He made reference regarding payment to Mr. Tarver, the Mayor and Mr. Edwards and other people.

Ashley Carwright, 421 Lincoln Avenue, Orange, N.J.

- Ms. Cartwright made reference regarding ordinance 2-2015 and not please With council members for shortening the timing on Citizens comments.
- And also made reference regarding the 90 days waiting period from PSE&G to fix the bumping road on Main.
- She concerned about a bridge on Glee and Scotland bet. Main and Central Avenue And wonder if blanking traffic lights could be installed to slow down the drivers while the children are crossing the street.

Bruce Meyer, Berkeley Avenue, Orange New Jersey

- Mr. Meyer made reference about listening to the same people
- And also mentioned time wasting during the meeting , also comment about taking away time from citizen comments
- He also made reference on the bill lists.

Katalin Gordon, 211 Park Place, Orange, NJ

- Ms. Gordon alerted Council members about all agenda 2014 missing on the City's Website. Also commented on a request she made to the Administration regarding the City Council meeting DVD to be posted on the City's Website.
- Ms. Gordon wanted to know if Council President Williams received a letter of communication.
- Ms. Gordon commented on Ordinance 2-2015 regarding restriction on Citizen Comments, she believes the citizen needs more time.

Joshua Sakolsky 393 Alcott Street, Orange, NJ

- Questioned money paid to Millennium Strategies LLC the company that hired for grant writing. and stated that for the bills list should be posted on the City's Website in order for the citizen to view .
- Mr. Sakolsky commented on ordinance making a no parking zone on Oakwood Avenue cross work,, people are adhere to the ordinance, they parked after permit hour.
- Mr. Sakolsky talked about his card cones at local merchant. That he reported to the police, and he did not get a pleasant report.

MOTION TO CLOSE CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Motion by **Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler**, and seconded by **Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson** to close Citizen's Comments. The motion carries unanimously to close Citizen's Comments.

Council President Williams –Yield to Director Sims concerning Mr. Sakolsky issued.

Director Sims commented to everyone, once you have an issue, it needs to be reported to him and it will be dealt with, Council President asked Director Sims to have a side bar with Mr. Sakolsky.

Council President Williams asked Mr. Mapp, regarding Monthly reports and wanted to know if they have been submitted to the Clerk's Office. Mr. Mapp responded that it will be done.

Council President Williams addressed Marty Mayes regarding engineering contract.

Mr. Mayes said he had spoken to Ms. Gordon and explained about the contract.

Council President questioned the Deputy Clerk concerning correspondence received from Ms. Gordon in December

Council President Williams talked about resolution 15-2015 regarding the length of the agreement.

Council President alerted the Mayor regarding the agenda of 2014 to be posted on the City 'Website.

Council President questioned the Deputy Clerk concerning document received from Ms. Gordon

Council President questioned Mayor regarding correct address on page 23 on the Bill lists.

Mayor commented about funds received for Toys for Tots.

Council President Williams spoke concerning Attorney Rasheeda Hassan's bill being paid from 2011 in reference of a litigation.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council President – spoke regarding ordinance 1-2015

Council President - commented on ordinance 2-2015

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented on ordinance 2-2015

Councilman Corbitt- asked the Mayor if the Employee Time Clock has been implemented
Councilman Corbitt- read ordinance regarding City 'Vehicles –and also wanted to know how soon a re
report on the vehicles will be provided to the Council.

MOTION TO EXTEND REGULAR SESSION

Motion by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman, Johnson, Jr. to extend
meeting past 10:30 P.M.

Roll Call

Ayes: Coley, Eason, Summers-Johnson, Johnson & Councilwoman Williams

Nays: Corbitt & Gaunt-Butler

Absent: None

Councilman Johnson commented on administration regarding City financing and administration
Councilwoman Eason wanted to know about guideline on the hand scanner and how the Police and the
Fire Department were going to be handled.

Councilwoman Eason commented on Toys for Tots, and also commented on ordinance 2-2015, the
timing on Citizen's comments.

Councilwoman Eason spoke about appointing Council Liaison to the Housing Authority.

Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler wishing everyone happy New Year and questioned the Mayor
on the a grant status monthly report and also commented on broadcasting the Council meeting, she
applauded the Police Department for zero homicide in the City of Orange.

Council President – talked about an upcoming budget finance seminar.

Councilman Coley –He commented on the budget process

ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

The Deputy Clerk read **Ordinance 25-2014** by title:

**25-2014 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200,
entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 200-40, Schedule IX – Stop Intersections,
(4-Way Stop) (Nassau Street & South Jefferson Street).**

The Chair declared the time open for a public hearing on Ordinance 25-2014.
Seeing none the Chair closed the public hearing.

The Chair declared a motion to adopt ordinance No. 25-2014

A motion was made by Councilman, Corbitt & Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler seconded.

on the motion seeing none

Roll Call

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Council President Williams

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carries

ORDINANCES—SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

The Deputy Clerk read 26-2014 by title:

26-2014 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-32 Prohibiting Parking on Oakwood Avenue between crosswalks.

The Chair declared the time open for a public hearing on Ordinance 26-2014.

Seeing none the Chair closed the public hearing. All seven Council members were in favor

The Chair declared a motion to adopt the said ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilman, Corbitt & Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler seconded, to adopt ordinance No. 26-2014

On the motion seeing none

Roll Call

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Council President Williams

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carries

ORDINANCES—SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

27-2014 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-32 Prohibiting Parking on Carteret Place and Carteret Terrace between crosswalks.

The Chair declared the time open for a public hearing on Ordinance 27-2014.

Seeing none the Chair closed the public hearing. All seven Council members were in favor

The Chair declared a motion to adopt the said ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilman, Corbitt & Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler seconded, to adopt ordinance no. 27-2014.

On the motion seeing none

Roll Call

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Council President Williams

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carries

ORDINANCES—SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

28-2014 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-52.2 Mid Block Crosswalks (Carteret Place and Carteret Terrace).

The Chair declared the time open for a public hearing on Ordinance 28-2014.

Seeing none the Chair closed the public hearing. All seven Council members were in favor

The Chair declared a motion to adopt the said ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilman, Corbitt & Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler seconded, to adopt ordinance no. 28-2014

On the motion seeing none

Roll Call

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson & Council President Williams

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carries

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION /FIRST READING

The Deputy Clerk read **Ordinance 1-2015**

An ordinance amending Chapter 4, Article XVI of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township regarding the Administration Government.

The Chair made a motion to adopt on first reading.

Motion made by Councilman Corbitt and Councilman Johnson seconded, to adopt ordinance 1-2015

Roll Call

Ayes: Coley, Eason, Johnson, Jr., & Summers-Johnson, & Council President Williams

Nays: Coley & Gaunt-Butler

Absent: None

Motion Carries

Public Hearing

Scheduled for February 3, 2015.

- 2-2015** **A resolution authorizing approval to submit a grant application and/or execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of transportation, Division of Highway Traffic & Safety for the drive sober or get pulled over (DSOGPO) Year End grant program in the amount of \$7,500.00**

The Chair made a motion to Adopt First Reading

Motion made by Councilman Corbitt and Councilman Coley seconded

Roll Call

Ayes: Coley, Eason, Johnson, Jr., & Summers-Johnson, & Council President Williams

Nays: Corbitt & Gaunt-Butler

Absent: None

Motion Carries

CONSENT AGENDA

The Deputy Clerk Read: 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 A COUNCIL MEMBER SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE OF THE AGENDA.

The Chair made a motion to amend 16-2015 and to walk on 17-2015 to place on the consent agenda.

- 17-2015** A resolution authorizing the transfer of 2014 budget appropriation reserves.

Roll Call

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Summers-Johnson & Council President Williams

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carries

The Chair called out the consent agenda

- 1-2015** **A resolution for the approval to purchase (15) Panasonic touchpad tablets and Accessories under the New Jersey State Contract #75583 for the City of Orange Township Police Departments (14) SUV's and (1) Ford F-250 from G. T.B.M Inc. of 351 Paterson Avenue, East Rutherford, New Jersey 07073 in an**

Amount not to exceed \$103,224.62

- 2-2015** A resolution authorizing approval to submit a grant application and/or execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of transportation, Division of Highway Traffic & Safety for the drive sober or get pulled over (DSOGPO) Year End grant program in the amount of \$7,500.00
- 3-2015** A resolution authorizing the refund of taxes due to State Board Judgments in the amount of \$31,170.25.
- 7-2015** A resolution authorizing to waive interest for property taxes, water charges & sewer charges for Block 2502 Lot 10 for the property known as 570 Main Street in the amount of \$30,744.85
- 8-2015** A resolution appointing Elizabeth Jackson and Alexandra Charles as members to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for the upcoming Calendar Year 2015. (Sponsored by Hon. Kerry J. Coley)
- 9-2015** A resolution appointing Mary Thomas as member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for the upcoming Calendar Year 2015. (Sponsored by Hon. April Gaunt-Butler)
- 10-2015** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to fix the rate of interest to be charged on delinquent taxes and other Municipal charges.
- 12-2015** A resolution authorizing and approving a sixty day extension of the agreement between the City of Orange Township and Monoc Emergency Medical Service to provide emergency transportation for a period of 60 days at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.
- 13-2015** A resolution authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract with Netta Architects, 1084 Route 22 West, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092 to provide professional comprehensive architectural engineering services for the Central Firehouse Headquarters window and cornice replacement in the amount not to exceed \$48,000.00.
- 14-2015** A resolution rejecting all bids for Emergency Medical Services.
- 15-2015** A resolution designating the Alpert Group LLC as the redeveloper for the Block 4003, Lots 1, 6 and 7 and Tax Block 4004, Lot 1 collectively known as the Bravo Properties.

17-2015 A resolution authorizing the transfer of 2014 budget appropriation reserves.

Motion to adopt consent agenda was moved by Councilman Corbitt and Councilwoman Summers-Johnson Seconded.

Roll Call

Ayes: Coley, Corbitt, Eason, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, & Council President Williams

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Motion Carries

OFF CONSENT AGENDA

4-2015 A resolution authorizing the reduction of 2014 Taxes and refund on the property known as 245 Stirling Avenue, Block 6701 Lot 10 in the amount of \$947.63 due to an error in the property assessment.

The Chair read resolution by title; a motion was made by Councilman Corbitt and Council woman Summers-Johnson seconded. On the Motion seeing none

Roll Call

Ayes: Coley, Eason, Corbitt, Summers-Johnson, & Council President Williams

Nays: Johnson & Gaunt-Butler

Absent: None

Motion Carries

5-2015 A resolution authorizing the reduction of 2014 Taxes and refund on the property known as 245 Stirling Avenue, Rear Lot, Block 6701 Lot 15 in the amount of \$667.35 due to an error in the property assessment.

The Chair read resolution by title; a motion was made by Councilman Corbitt and Council woman Summers-Johnson seconded. On the Motion seeing none

Roll Call

Ayes: Coley, Eason, Corbitt, Summers-Johnson, & Council President Williams

Nays: Johnson & Gaunt-Butler

Absent: None

Motion Carries

6-2015 A resolution authorizing the reduction of 2014 Taxes for the property known as 133 Lincoln Avenue, Block 2604 Lot 1 in the amount of \$17,573.55 due to an error in the property assessment.

The Chair read resolution by title; a motion was made by Councilman Corbitt and Councilman Coley seconded. On the Motion seeing none

Roll Call

Ayes: Coley, Eason, Corbitt & Council President Williams

Nays: Gaunt-Butler, Johnson and Summers-Johnson

Absent: None

Motion Carries

11-2015 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on January 6, 2015 dated December, 2014 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$3,893,667.83).

The Chair read resolution by title; a motion was made by Councilman Corbitt and Council woman Gaunt-Butler seconded. On the Motion seeing none

Roll Call

Ayes: Coley, Eason, Corbitt, Johnson, Summers-Johnson & Council President Williams

Nays: Gaunt-Butler

Absent: None

Motion Carries

16-2015 A resolution authorizing the adoption of current fund and water/sewer utility fund Temporary Budget Appropriations for the months of January through March

The Chair read resolution by title; a motion was made by Councilman Corbitt and Councilman Coley seconded. On the Motion seeing none

Roll Call

Ayes: Coley, Eason, Corbitt, Johnson, Summers-Johnson & Council President Williams

Nays: Gaunt-Butler

Absent: None

Motion Carries

RESOLUTION POSTPONED 12-16-2014 REGULAR MEETING

342-2014 a resolution authorizing the foreclosure of tax liens Rem.

The Chair made a motion to withdraw the said resolution, motion was moved by Councilman Corbitt and Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler seconded.

Roll Call

Ayes: Coley, Eason, Corbitt, Gaunt-Butler, Johnson, Summers-Johnson & Council President Williams

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carries

Regular Meeting

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Other Pending Business

None

Motion to Adjourn

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson moves to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Gaunt-Butler.

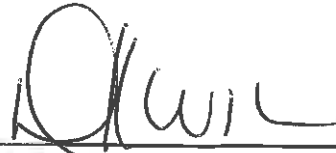
The Motion to Adjourn was approved by a unanimous vote.

Adjournment Time: 11:45PM

Approved on March 3, 2015



Madeline F. Smith, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk



Donna K. Williams
Council President