

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 29 NORTH DAY STREET, ORANGE, NEW JERSEY ON TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2013 AT 7: 00PM

1) ROLL CALL		PRESENT	ABSENT
Hon. Hassan Abdul-Rasheed	(West ward)	_____	_____X_____
Hon. Elroy A. Corbitt	(At-Large)	_____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_____	_____
Hon. Tency A. Eason	(North Ward	_____X_____	_____
Council President			

ALSO PRESENT

Dwight Mitchell, Municipal Clerk	_____	_____X_____
Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., Mayor	_____	_____X_____
Dan S. Smith, City Attorney	_____	_____
Kevin Harris, Legislative Research Officer	_____	_____
Antoinette Dismukes, Clerk’s Office	_____X_____	_____
Margarette Homere, Acting Deputy Clerk	_____X_____	_____
Dieter Lerch, Budget Consultant	_____X_____	_____

** A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED FOR THE 19 FIREMEN IN ARIZONA.

2) 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 Record Transcript and published in the Star Ledger on June 21, 2013, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

3) CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Council President Eason recognized the following residents for comments.

William R. Lewis of 688 Mosswood Avenue stated the following:

- Requested the Council to carefully review the budget prior to voting to ensure all key element are present and that the numbers makes sense.

Murphy Wilson of 362 Heywood Avenue stated the following:

- Resolution 228-2013 – Stated how did Excess Funds in the Payroll Account occurred?
- Does the budget have room for Severance Pay?

- The Municipal Insurance Fund is dangerously low.
- Q: The Tax Appeal is \$0; Where is the money going to come from if funds are needed?

Bruce Myers of 500 Berkeley Street stated the following:

- Thanked the Council for working so hard on the Budget.
- Distressed to know that Department Heads and the CFO did not know the workings of their departments and/or City Business.
- Noted the lack of a permanent City Clerk or Business Administrator.
- Pleased to know the Bond Ordinance is being withdrawn.

Katalin Gordon of 211 Park Place stated the following:

- The \$750K Reserve for Regular Municipal Expenditures...Has it changed and/or been incorporated?
 - Dieter Lerch, Budget Consultant responded city will not be in the rear of \$750K.

MOTION TO CLOSE CITIZEN COMMENTS:

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

Council President Eason for the purpose of clarity Suspended the Rule to ADD the Bond Ordinance for a Matter of Discussion.

Council President Eason stated the council has been blamed for non-repair of various city items; as well as why the Council has not passed the Bond Ordinance. Council President Eason asked Councilwoman Williams to explain why the above mentioned has occurred.

Councilwoman Williams stated the Council’s Finance Committee has met with the Administration particularly Mr. Adrian Mapp the Finance Director and in those meetings the Finance Committee asked for additional information. Further stating, the Administration will be providing such information at the July 2nd Meeting as well the Bond Committee and Bond Council will be present at that meeting. In addition the Budget Consultant has reviewed the Bond Ordinance and the Local Finance Board will not be reviewing the Bond until August 25th.

Councilman Corbitt requested an additional item centralizing the Air Conditioning in City Hall to be added to the Bond Ordinance.

4) ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING:

25-2013 WITHDRAWN – by Administration

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 \$7,281,000 thereof and authorizing the issuance of \$7,140,500 Bonds or Notes to the City to finance the costs thereof.

- a) Motion to adopt in first reading: Second:
- b) Public Hearing August 7, 2013

5) RESOLUTIONS *228-2013 & 229-2013

***228-2013 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of Excess Funds in the Payroll Account.**

Council President Eason entertained a motion to adopt.

Motion: Corbitt **Second:** Gaunt-Butler

Council President Eason announced the roll call as follows:

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

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

***229-2013 A resolution to amend the Calendar Year 2013 Budget.**

Council President Eason entertained a motion to adopt.

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

On the motion, Council Marable made inquiry into the Personnel Matter and its possible effects on the Budget. Councilman Marable was advised from Mr. Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance to consult with the Administration.

Council President Eason announced the roll call as follows:

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

Council President Eason ruled the motion was carried by Six Yeas; No Nays; No Abstentions and One Absences.

Council President Eason entertained a motion to Suspend the Rules to add the Library to the Agenda for Matter of Discussion.

Motion: Williams **Second:** Corbitt

Council President Eason announced the roll call as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absences: Abdul-Rasheed

Council President Eason ruled the motion was carried by Six Yeas; No Nays; No Abstentions and One Absences.

• **Library Presentation by Tyshammie Cooper, President of the Library Board.**

- Councilman Marable briefly summarized communications between Mrs. Cooper and himself via emails, mailed documents and phone conversations regarding the Library’s Counsel, Closing, Board Members and State of Current Affairs.

- Mrs. Cooper responded to inquiries and provided the Council Members with the following:

- 2013 Revised Budget Request
- 2012 Year End Expense Report
- Repair Status: Contractor Bid for PEOSHA Repairs, New Jersey Historic Grant and Long Term Capital Improvement Plan
- Last OPL Audit (2011)
- Personnel Report
- Letter from OPL Legal Counsel
- Library Cards: REBEL Stickers

6) MOTION TO ADJOURN

Council President Eason entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 9:15PM

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

**Donna K. Williams
Council President**

MINUTES APPROVAL

Passed on August 7th, 2013

Conference & Regular Meeting on June 25th, 2013

Hon. Abdul-Rasheed cannot vote because he was not present.

Motion to Adopt: Jones-Bell Second: Gaunt-Butler

The roll call by Council President Williams was as followed:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: Abdul-Rasheed

Absences: Eason

Council President Williams ruled the Motion was carried by Five Yeas; No Nays; One Abstention and One Absence.