

**THIS WAS 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, DECEMBER 19, 2017 AT 7:10 P.M.**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:**

Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, North Ward  
Councilman Christopher Jackson, At-Large  
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West Ward  
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson, South Ward  
Councilwoman Donna K. Williams, At-Large  
Council-President Kerry Coley

**Also Present:**

Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk (arrived @ 7:35)  
Madeline Smith, City Deputy Clerk  
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator (BA)  
Eric Pennington, City Attorney  
Marlin Townes, Acting Legislative Research Officer  
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk  
Marty Mayes, Director of Planning/Public Work  
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance  
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer  
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director

**Absent:**

Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large

The City Deputy Clerk asked all to stand for a Moment of Silence.

The Deputy Clerk made the following statement.

*SPECIAL NOTICE:* Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall sign one (1) book. Each person signing the book will be allowed to speak for a maximum of five (5) minutes.

The Deputy 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 13, 2017 posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Presentation by the Lady Bengals Dance Team of Orange.**

The Dance Team was introduced by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson and she reported that the Lady Bengles team came in second in the nation. Each dancers came to the podium and introduced themselves.

**Presentation by Megan O'Hanlon Projection of the Current Fund Budgetary Statement 2017.**

Ms. O'Hanlon the Budget Consultant, provided an executive summary of the Township's current fund budgetary statement for 2017. She reported that the report is based upon spending levels as outlined in the expenditure and payroll reports provided by the administration. Ms. O'Hanlon answered questions from the Governing Body.

**Presentation on Corrective Action Plan**

Mr. Mapp, Director of Finance went through the Corrective Action Plan 2016 page by page and reported on the corrective measures that would be taken this coming year. He reported on new procedures that are in place that would be followed by every department in the city. Audit and control procedures that were not in place are now in place. The Business Administrator stated that there will be an update next quarter regarding corrections that had been made during the quarter. Director Mapp answered questions from the Governing Body.

A representative from Suez Water spoke about a maintenance fund which would help the City keep track of their Suez maintenance amounts and the fund will be reviewed monthly and a copy will be given to the Clerk's Office. Deputy City Attorney Montilus answered a question from Stakeholder Jeffrey Feld regarding an opt-out clause and when it takes effect in the Suez contract that was in Resolution 424-2017.

**Motion to close citizen's comments by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.**

**The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

The Clerk read the following statement:

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.

- The Business Administrator requested that the Council address any questions they may have for the Suez representative now because of other commitments he had that evening.
- The Council President requested that an overview of the agreement. The representative provided a similar summary as he had during the last meeting. The Business Administrator reported on last minute changes that were made to the resolution and the draft contract. He reported that this was an amended extension agreement.
- Councilman Jackson asked the Business Administrator about Ordinance 79-2017 regarding the Water fund and asked where the money is coming from. The Business Administrator stated that a few months ago there was an ordinance to cancel unexpected bond proceeds from an ordinance of unexpended bond proceeds in the water utility account and move it to the water utility capital surplus. The amount was about 3 million dollars. That is where the money came from. Councilman Jackson regarding Ordinance 87-2017 asked does the plan identify the addresses of the properties that are to be redeveloped. The Business Administrator stated it does and properties within 200 feet were notified. Councilman Jackson had questions Resolution 403-2017 for the Aflac representative with regard to the AFLAC spending account for the city. He also asked the cost of the plan on the Resolution. No answer was given. Councilman Jackson with regard to Resolution 399-2017 asked is there a process to transfer custody for the accounts? The Business Administrator stated that a resolution would be made. Councilman Jackson asked the difference between Resolutions 402 and 407-2017. The Business Administrator stated that 402 is a ratification resolution and 407-2017 is for 2018 services to be rendered. Councilman Jackson asked if there was

too much volume for the in house attorneys to handle cases and is that why we have Resolutions 409 through 413-2017. The City Attorney stated that some are used for conflict issues and some are used because of the volume of cases. Councilman Jackson asked about Resolution 414-2017. The Business Administrator stated that it is a transfer resolution that finance has identified as unexpended funds and applied them to over expenditures and other items.

- Councilwoman Williams asked if the planner could come up and provide information on Ordinance 87-2017. Mr. Hazel from the Nishuane Group stated that the amendment reports several added lots to the plan and reviving the bulk standards for that area. He answered other questions that Councilwoman Williams asked.
- The Council President asked for an update on the Master Plan. Mr. Hazel stated that a main thing that they had worked on over the summer was doing a land use survey for every parcel in the city which is part of the plan. They hope to have a draft ready for review by the beginning of the new year.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.**

**The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 9:16 P.M.**

**Approved:**

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**Joyce L. Lanier**  
City Clerk

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**Kerry J. Coley**  
Council President