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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, JANUARY 23, 2018 AT 7:01 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilman Kerry Coley, East Ward
Councilman Christopher Jackson, At-Large
Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West Ward
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson., South Ward (arrived @ 7:05)
Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large (arrived @ 7:15)
Council-President Donna K. Williams, At-Large

Also Present: Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Chris Hartwyk, Business Administrator (BA)
Eric Pennington, City Attorney
Marlin Townes, Acting Legislative Research Officer
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk,
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director. (arrived @ 7:56)
Marty Mayes, Director of Planning/Public Work (arrived @ 7:10)
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance (arrived @ 7:13)
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer (arrived @ 7:12)
Tod Warren, Police Director

Absent:

The City 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. Each person signing the book will be allowed to speak for a maximum of five (5) minutes.

The City 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 December 28, 2017 posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

(REVISED SECTION BY COUNCILMAN JACKSON)

Councilman Brent of East Orange came to the podium he spoke about the requirements of the Newark Fire Department when he had joined. He spoke about the current attitudes that are coming from the White House. He is in support of Resolution 27-2018. Councilman Jackson suggested that the Council should clarify what they want their Federal representatives to do. Councilman Brent and Councilman Jackson discussed the matter further. Councilman Jackson stated after their discussion that his objection was that the President would never do so upon our (the Councils) request and we have no authority to make it happen, making the resolution mere posturing. As an act of legislation that would never produce what its language states, is a waste of time, other than to imply we were really doing nothing

about his (the President) actions. He suggested they could discuss what they really would like to see happen, i.e. have him impeached, and send it to their national representatives for them to take legislative action.

Councilwoman Eason agreed with Councilman Jackson. Councilwoman Williams commented that the President had gone through a basic competency test after this legislation had been written. She stated that the countries that the President is against represents a large part of her constituents and she felt compelled to join in with the legislation of East Orange and asked that the Council Members of Orange to do the same. She is in support of Resolution 27-2018.

Police Director Warren and Police Captain Vitiello came to the podium. Director Warren stated that the Police department will be participating in Career Day at the Heywood School that Friday. He congratulated the 13 new Police Officers. He spoke about the news article that stated that Orange was the most dangerous city in Essex County. He felt that the new article was an insult and represents journalistic neglect. It took figures from a few years ago, not current statistics. Crime in the City of Orange is down 29%. Captain Vitiello came to the podium and gave a report on the current accomplishments of the Police Department. The city is down 64% in homicides, down 18% in sexual assaults, 28% in robberies etc... There will be more good things to come once the new Officers are trained and out there. The Director and Captain took questions and comments from the Council Members.

The Clerk states the following:

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.

Councilwoman Wooten with regard to Ordinance 3-2018 asked about part E of the ordinance and should the Council be added. The BA stated that the ordinance is to be amended and at the next meeting a resolution will be presented at the next meeting or the Council can ask that one be drafted. Councilwoman Williams stated that any resolution would come after the 20 day period. It was decided to add the Council into section 'E' at the reading of the ordinance.

Councilman Johnson, Jr. regarding Resolution 20-2018 asked if the Master Plan will be completed in this contract season. The BA said he had met with the planners and they said the Master Plan should be completed before the end of the first quarter of 2018.

Councilwoman Eason commented with regard to Ordinance 5-2018 that she heard that the Council should stay away from anything to do with the Board of Education. She suggested that they recommend it to the Board of Education. Councilwoman Williams stated that it was discussed with Superintendent Lee of the Board of Education. She provided reasons why the ordinance should be adopted.

Councilman Johnson, Jr. asked about Resolution 34-2018 is this contract for the CPA to work on items on the Corrective Action Plan. The BA explained the task of the CPA with regard to the Corrective Action Plan. The BA stated that the Council will be getting a report in February or early March about the changes that have taken place in the Tax Collector's Office. Councilwoman Williams asked if there was a response from the Bond Council. The clerk reported that there was a response. He had reported that the ordinance used in section 5 was incorrect in Resolution 86-2017.

Councilman Jackson commented about the language in Resolution 86-2017. Resolution 87-2017 he asked what addresses were associated with the lot and blocks in the resolution. The Clerk provided him with the addresses. Ordinance 4-2018 stated that there was no map associated with the loading zone in the ordinance and what business is being conducted at that location. The BA reported on the business and what it does. Resolution 19-2018 which rejected bids, he asked how many bids were received. The BA stated there were 2 bids which were rejected. Resolution 24-2018 the contract for Select Auto Service for city cars, asked if they just provide parts and how is the number arrived at. The BA stated that they provide parts and labor. Councilman Jackson asked about other items on the agenda which the BA answered.

Councilwoman Wooten commented about 21-2018 and 24-2018 she said that on the business entity disclosure certifications her name was misspelled. She also asked how does the city monitor if a business is hiring minorities. The BA and the City Attorney provided information regarding the Contract Compliance Officer and the Affirmative Action Officer and their roles. Councilwoman Williams asked for a list of all contracts that were awarded in 2017. The Clerk’s Office will provide a list.

Council President Coley request information on Ordinance 4-2018 asking if the business was a 24-hour business and if not, why should they have those parking privileges. It was reported by Councilwoman Eason that the business is not taking up any parking spaces that residents need. The Council President suggested that there should be a time limit on the loading zone after the business is closed. Director Mayes stated the ordinance is geared for business hours only. The ordinance can be changed. The ordinance will be tabled.

Councilman Jonson, Jr. asked for clarification on Resolution 24-2018 for selecting a bidder that had a high dollar amount and why only two companies and not 3 or 4. Director Mayes stated that only two bidders responded.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 8:33 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Kerry J. Coley
Council President