

THIS WAS 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 23, 2018, FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

The Chair led all assembled in a Salute to the American Flag.

Roll Call:

Present:

Councilman Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilman Christopher Jackson, At-Large
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West Ward (returned @ 8:41)
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson., South Ward
Councilwoman Donna K. Williams, At-Large (returned @ 8:41)
Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large
Council-president Kerry Coley, East Ward

Also Present:

Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Chris Hartwyk, Business Administrator (BA)
Eric Pennington, City Attorney
Marlin Townes, Acting Legislative Research Officer
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director,
Mayes, Director of Planning/Public Work
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk
Captain Dunn, representing the Fire Department

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MEETINGS

October 17, 2017 Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from October 17, 2017 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION – None.

CONSTABLE REPORTS -

- **Richard Noizy-** Month of December 4, 2017 security service, December 15, 2017 security and meeting.

OPRA REPORTS – 67 OPRA Request received, 62 completed and 58 items pending from January to December 2017

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Planning:** No report.
A.B.C. No report.
Library: Councilman Jackson reported that there was a complaint that the Director will handle.
Housing: No report.
DPW: No report.
Fire Dept. Fire Director Douglass wished everyone a happy new year.
Finance: Councilwoman Williams reported that the committee met the day before and provided information on who had attended. She reported that there was a presentation by the Budget Consultant Michael Johnson on the proposed PILOT programs on Bows Avenue and 377 Crain Street redevelopment. The Councilwoman reported on the resolutions that were discussed at the meeting.

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS – None

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

The City Clerk made the following statement:

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 Five (5) 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.

The following residents and business owners made comments.

- Mr. Jeffery Feld commented on his letter to the Council. He spoke current court cases that he suggested the City Attorney review. He made suggestions for the agenda. He spoke about the YWCA bid. He asked for the amount the consultants have received for creating the Master Plan. He commented on the lack of discussion for the new items on the bill list. He suggested looking at the footnotes in the Board of Education's audit and the Housing Authority's audit.
- Ms. Alice Lang, President of the Tenants Association, spoke about a large PSE&G bill that she received and asked that the Council look into the non-working boilers in her senior building. She spoke about the housing meeting that the Council President attended, also referring to a letter she had sent to the Council Members regarding that meeting.

- Ms. Katelyn Gordon stated that she did not want to offend the Council with her remarks at the last meeting. She apologized to Councilwoman Wooten and the other Council Members who were offended. Ms. Gordon spoke on Ordinance 3-2018 she asked that the title be changed to be clearer. She is against the ordinance and provided the reasons why. She commented on Resolution 20-2018 she felt that the cost was too expensive.
- Mr. Augustus Michelle Spoke about the rise of crime in his area. He stated that the Police need help. He made suggestions on what the Council can do to help by installing cameras throughout Orange.
- Ms. Gloria Stewart spoke about the parking tickets that she had received. She spoke about the Police reports and working with the community. She spoke about the new buildings in her area and one had an issue with the Zoning Board and she asked how that was resolved.
- Mr. Dawan Alford spoke about an event he put together at the High School. The students were asked what they would like to see happen in the community. The Police Department was also invited. He said HANDS, the organization he works for, is in the process of administering project grants for small neighborhood projects.
- Mr. Khemani Gibson spoke about the current climate in Washington and the lack of response from the Council Members.

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilwoman Wooten, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Responses to some questions:

- The Business Administrator will review the suggestions made by Mr. Feld. The question regarding 1 or 2 year contracts, the Business Administrator and the City Attorney answered Mr. Feld's question.
- The Council President provided information about what is being done to correct the boiler issues in the senior buildings. Council President Coley provided information about his invite to the tenant's association meeting. Councilwoman Eason stated that the Tenants Association would like their books back from Ms. Lang and she suggested that they get a lawyer.
- The Council President suggested that cameras be added to the areas that need cameras. The Business Administrator said that there will be a presentation by the Police Department about the cameras and their cost. Director Mayes addressed the questions regarding the new buildings.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilman Jackson addressed Resolution 27-2018 stated that the resolution has no federal affect. He feels that the Council should be addressing their concerns about the President of the United States to the elected representatives in Washington D.C.
- Councilwoman Summers-Johnson spoke about the teaching lesson that the current administration is giving her students and that they will be writing letters to their representatives. She spoke about the new Governor and the positive effect he will have for the teachers of Jersey. She spoke about working with the seniors in the South Ward and trying to get them help where needed. She spoke about her

sponsorship of children that are going to the Recreation Department's program Skills and Drills for 1st and 4th graders. She had also found sponsors for additional children so they could enjoy the activities afford by the Saturday morning program. She reported that Ingrid Williams will be coming to her South Ward Community meeting to speak on single parents. She spoke about her meeting with Valley vendors and the progress that has been made. The neighborhood watch that is being setup will be a blue print for the rest of the city.

- Councilwoman Wooten thanked Ms. Gordon for her apology. She commented that some parts of Resolution 27-2018 have to be said. She spoke about an upcoming meeting by Asper that will speak on the President's hateful words and actions toward immigrants. Conversations are good to have and she supports that resolution.
- Councilwoman Eason reported that Al Sharpton will be the guest speaker for Black History month at Saint Mathews Church in Orange on February 4th. She spoke about the Council taking action beside the Resolution 27-2018. She commented to the Business Administrator that the City needs to improve their senior services. The bus services do not serve the seniors' needs. They need to be able to notify the senior buildings when they will not be coming and the seniors need schedules for the buses. She supports the idea that the City Attorney should be able to negotiate for the City instead of hiring some many outside attorneys.
- Councilman Johnson, Jr. stated that he will not support Ordinance 5-2018 and Resolution 27-2018.
- Councilwoman Williams with regard to having the City Attorney settle cases below \$50,000.00 he would come before the Council for final approval. She stated the amounts that other city allowed and how they schedule meeting with their attorneys and Council to discuss the upcoming court cases. She supports Resolution 27-2018.
- The Council President asked for an update on the budget. The Business Administrator stated they are meeting with all departments and are closing out the year 2017 and preparing the AFS once that is done they would have hard numbers for 2018. They are trying to introduce the budget on February 20th. Council President Coley commented that Al Sharpton was invited once before and he never showed up.

ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

The Clerk read the ordinance by title.

86-2017 Capital ordinance appropriating \$325,000 from the Capital Fund to pay for the demolition and disposal of unsafe buildings, in and by the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey.

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 86-2017.

Seeing no one else, the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt as amended Ordinance Number 86-2017 by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten, Coley
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read the ordinance by title.

87-2017 An ordinance authorizing the City of Orange Township and Municipal Council to accept the Planning Board’s recommended amendments to the Central Orange Development Plan.

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 87-2017.

Mr. Jeffery Feld commented that the Planning Board members have to be updated on the Website and there are no minutes from the Planning Board on the website.

Seeing n o one else, the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 87-2017 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten, Coley
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/ FIRST READING

The Clerk read the amendments in Paragraphs D and E as amended.

3-2018 An ordinance to amend Chapter 4, Article VI of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township. (Office of the City Attorney)

Motion that Ordinance 3-2018 be introduced on first reading as amended and that the public hearing would be held February 20, 2017 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten, Coley
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read the ordinance by title.

4-2018 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic,” Section 200-42, Schedule XI, Loading Zone (215 Watchung Avenue)

Motion that Ordinance 4-2018 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held February 20, 2018 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

On the Motion: Councilwoman Williams asked if it could be changed to read Business Hours. The Business Administrator stated he needed more time to investigate.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten, Coley
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read the ordinance by title.

5-2018 An ordinance to supplement Chapter 4, Article XIV of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township to establish the Orange High School Alumni Committee.

Motion that Ordinance 5-2018 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held February 20, 2018 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

On the Motion: Councilwoman Williams stated she heard a lot of positive feedback on the resolution. She provided the positive things that an alumni committee brings to the current students. She hoped that the committee would be created regardless of who created it. Councilwoman Eason suggest that the ordinance not be supported until they hear from the Board of Education.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Williams
Nays: Eason, Jackson, Jonson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Wooten, Coley
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion Fails.

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Clerk read the following statement.

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 request, in which event, the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence of the agenda.

RESOLUTION NUMBERS *19-2018 through*37-2018

***19-2018 A resolution rejecting the bids for the Orange Recreation Center pool and built up roof repair and upgrades.**

***20-2018 A resolution authorizing the award of a contract with Nishuane Group, LLC, 105 Grove Street, Suite 1, Montclair, New Jersey 07042 to provide professional planning services for a period of one (1) year in an amount not to exceed \$165,000.00.**

- *21-2018** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for supplying asphalt pavement and stone dust from Newark Asphalt Corp., Foot of Passaic Street, Newark, New Jersey 07104 for one (1) year commencing January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.
- *22-2018** A resolution authorizing Maser Consulting, P.A., 331 Newman Springs Road, Suite 203, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701 to provide additional professional engineering services for High and Alden Street Park turf field improvements in an amount not to exceed \$21,800.00.
- *23-2018** A resolution authorizing Maser Consulting, P.A., 331 Newman Springs Road, Suite 203, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701 to provide professional engineering, design and construction administration services for the Colgate Skate Park Project in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.
- *24-2018** A resolution awarding a contract to Select Auto Service, Inc., 52 Washington Street, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 for vehicle maintenance and repairs to all city owned vehicles and equipment for two (2) years commencing January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$122,945.00 per year.
- *25-2018** A resolution appointing Antoinette Hall, a resident of Orange, New Jersey as a 3rd Alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey for a term of two years.
- *26-2018** A resolution re-appointing Dennis Motley, a resident of Orange, New Jersey as a Regular member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey for a term of four years.
- *27-2018** A resolution in support of the passage of legislation requiring President Donald J. Trump to submit to mental and physical evaluations for purposes of determining his fitness for duty. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams) (removed for a separate vote)
- *28-2018** A resolution appointing Khemani Gibson, a resident of Orange, New Jersey as a 4th Alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey for a term of two years.
- *29-2018** A resolution appointing Tracey Motley-Morris as a Home Owner Representative to the Rent Leveling Board in the City of Orange Township, New Jersey. (Sponsored Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- *30-2018** A resolution for the transfer of appropriation reserves.
(removed for a separate vote)
- *31-2018** A resolution celebrating the life of Reverend Joseph Thomasberger and designating Hickory Street beginning at Main Street and ending at Freeway Drive West as Rev. Joseph Thomasberger Way-in-Memoriam. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams.)

- *32-2018** A resolution celebrating the Inauguration of Philip D. Murphy and Sheila Oliver.
(Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- *33-2018** A resolution authorizing contract with Coded Systems, LLC, to supplement, print and electronically publish the ordinances of the City of Orange Township for the Calendar Year 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$13,500.00.
- *34-2018** A resolution ratifying and authorizing the award of a Non-Fair and Open contract to Teiksha L. Hubert, CPA, P.O. Box 1461, Orange, New Jersey 07051 to provide consulting services related to the 2016 Corrective Action Plan in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00 from January 10, 2018 through March 7, 2018.
- *35-2018** A resolution approving the bill list and a supplemental bill list for Council Meeting vote on January 23, 2018 dated January 18, 2018 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand total: \$3,032,183.40) (removed for a separate vote)
- *36-2018** A resolution in support of a 2018 moratorium on foreclosures in New Jersey.
- *37-2018** A Resolution Celebrating Black History Month and Honoring Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten, Coley,
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

Resolution removed for a separate vote.

The Clerk read the resolution by title.

- 27-2018** A resolution condemning statements by the President Donald J. Trump and in support of an oversight commission on Presidential competency
(Sponsored by Donna K. Williams)

Motion to adopt Resolution 27-2018 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

On the Motion: Councilwoman Williams spoke to the Council asking for their support.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Williams, Coley,
Nays: Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Wooten
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion Fails.

The Clerk read Resolution 30-2018 by Title.

30-2018 A resolution for the transfer of appropriation reserves.

Motion to adopt Resolution 30-2018 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten, Coley,

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read the resolution by title.

35-2018 A resolution approving the bill list and a supplemental bill list for Council Meeting vote on January 23, 2018 dated January 18, 2018 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand total: \$3,032,183.40)

Motion to adopt Resolution 30-2018 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten, Coley,

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Eason requested the Legislative Research Officer to do some research for the Council and have it ready for the next meeting.

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS – None.

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 10:19 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Kerry J. Coley
Council President

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