

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, FEBRUARY 6, 2018, FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

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

Roll Call:

Present:

Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilman Christopher Jackson, At-Large
Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West Ward
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson., South Ward
Council-President Donna K. Williams, At-Large
Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large
Councilman 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
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director
Marty Mayes, Director of Planning/Public Work
Captain Dunn, representing the Police Department
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer
Lisette Sanchez, Records Support Technician

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 July 13, 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

(Hon. Summers-Johnson could not vote, because she was not present on October 17th, so the vote taken on January 23rd for the October 17th meeting had to be rescinded.)

Motion to rescind the vote from January 23, 2018 Meeting by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt October 17, 2017 meeting minutes by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Summers-Johnson.

Absent: None.

Motion carries.

November 8, 2017 Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt November 8, 2017 minutes by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

November 20, 2017 Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt November 20, 2017 minutes by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilwoman Williams

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The Clerk reported the following:

REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION –

- Office of the City’s Clerk- Month of December 2017 - Total \$1,176.00
- Historic Preservation Commission- Total collection for the year 2017 - \$700.00
- Department of Community Services- Month of October 2017-Total: \$11,413.00
- Department of Community Services- Month of November 2017-Total: \$8,332.00
- Department of Community Services- Month of December 2017-Total: \$13,072.00
- Department of Planning & Economic Development- Month of December 2017- Total: \$74,711.00. Year to date 2017-Total: \$720,028.00

CONSTABLE REPORTS -

- Mohamad Toure- Month of December 2017- No activity
- Mohamad Toure- Month of January 2018- No activity
- Darnell Brodie- Month of December 2017- No activity
- Richard Noizy- Month of January 2018- 1-9-2018 Pro Cops Security and 1-14-2018 Monthly meeting.

OPRA REPORTS –None

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Finance: Councilwoman Williams presented her Finance Committee minutes to the Council and proceeded to provide a report on the last Finance Committee meeting and their recommendations. City Attorney Pennington addressed Resolution 58-2018, he had Attorney Dorsey and his Law firm partner come to the podium and Mr. Dorsey spoke about the opioid litigation and what their Law firm is doing to stop the opioid epidemic. They hope to have pharmaceutical companies come forth and explain why they lied about the addiction of their drugs to the doctors that were prescribing those drugs. Why did they encourage doctors to over prescribe those drugs? He further described their suits and how they will help the city to recover some cost associated with the opioid abuse within the city. They answered questions from the Council Members. The City Attorney stated that there will be no cost to the city regardless of the outcome of the suits and if they win, the law firm will only receive 25%. Mr. Dorsey stated that the law firm will be updating the City Attorney on all major developments.
- Councilwoman Williams had Director Mapp come to the podium and asked him to make a brief statement about Resolution 38-2018. Director Mapp reported that the resolution is required by the State to be adopted annually and provided information on the cash management plan. Director Mapp also spoke about the award of contracts and the requirements to set aside the funds stated in the contracts.
- Councilwoman Williams asked that at the next meeting the Business Administrator speak about those that prepaid their taxes for 2018 in 2017 and if they will be able to get the benefit they expected. They had discussed the Housing Authority and the properties that they are purchasing. Councilwoman Williams had the Tax Collector answer questions regarding PILOT programs. The Tax Collector reported that as soon as there is a PILOT she should be notified so the property can be taken off the books immediately. Councilwoman Williams asked for an update on the repairs for Freddie Polhill Law Complex as soon as possible. She had Director Mayes come to the podium and had him speak about the Urban Essex Coalition for Smart Growth. Clerk Lanier gave an update on the Council's website.
- Housing: No report.
- Library: No report.
- A.B.C. No report.
- Fire: Director Douglass spoke about the large fires that had taken place in the surrounding areas. He thanked the Orange firemen that help with the fires in the surrounding areas. He spoke about Save a Heart Save a Life Day He provided information on upcoming events.
- Police: Captain Dunn spoke about current crime issues in the city and police actions. Spoke about the CPR training that the officers received from the Fire Department.
- DPW: No report.

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.

- Ms. Katelyn Gordon asked questions on Ordinance 6-2018. How well are the buildings insulated and how well is the heat regulated in the senior buildings. She also asked about tax sales and how to know when they are coming up.
- Mr. Walter Elliott spoke about residents of Orange that have done well.

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilwoman Wooten, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The Business Administrator spoke about the temperatures and stated that average age of the buildings was about 35 years old but he could determine the insulation of the buildings. The city reviewed the complaints about the buildings before making suggestions on the temperature limits. The city will be monitoring the buildings to see if some changes need to be made. The tax sale was advertised on the website and advertised twice in the newspaper prior to the sales.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilwoman Summers-Johnson spoke to Valley Arts and Valley vendors to create a neighborhood watch. They have been working with the Police. The Valley has been broken into seven parts with Captains in each. A meeting will be held February 27th or 28th she will confirm the date in the future. The immigration rally was well attended. For students going to college she requested that residents donate a “Bed in a Bag” for their college rooms. In March she will be having a Community meeting for single parents. She reported that the seniors in her ward who own homes feel neglected by the city because they miss many events that are advertised in flyers that they do not receive. Councilwoman Summers-Johnson asked all South Ward seniors residents to call older adults in City Hall so they can be put on the call list for upcoming events.
- Councilman Johnson, Jr. reported that he would be sending the Business Administrator e-mails on issues from the West Ward.
- Councilwoman Williams spoke about the tour she just took of East Orange General Hospital and her experiences at the hospital as a young volunteer. She spoke about the Legislative Committee that she and Councilwoman Eason are on. She commented on the two new legislations that are being considered, the creation of a State Bank and Net neutrality. She reported that there will be computer classes for older adults starting March 1st. She requested

that the flyer with that information be added to channel 35. She commented about Black History month.

- Councilwoman Wooten reported on upcoming events in the city. She had attended the Dignity Immigration Rally and asked that everyone wear orange on Friday in support of the Orange youth. She asked that everyone check on the elderly in their neighborhood during these cold days. She provided information about the new features within East Orange General Hospital.
- Councilwoman Eason read a poem from East Orange High School. She reported that the League needs representation from Essex County. Senator Codey and Senator Gill are introducing a bill to assist small businesses with financial help. She asked the Business Administrator for a bus schedule for the seniors. She asked for an update on the OMEBA contract. The Business Administrator stated that there is a draft of the contract that will be retroactive from January 1 2017. It should come to the Council once the City has a budget. Councilwoman Eason asked about reflective vest for the city workers. Director Mayes stated that the employees get 2 vests. She also asked that information of what type of work needs to have permits be added to the city website.
- Councilman Jackson spoke about positive changes and Black History Month. He also spoke about having more police patrols for parking meters and how the City is losing money from all the cars that park and do not pay the meters.
- Council President Coley requested an assessment of all streetlights that are not working from Director Mayes. He also reminded apartment dwellers to get apartment insurance.

ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

The Clerk read the ordinance by title.

1-2018 An Ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-10.2 Residential Parking Permit (Prince Street)

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 1-2018.

Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

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

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 1-2018 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.

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/ FIRST READING

The Clerk read the ordinance by Title. The Clerk then read the amended section.

6-2018 An Ordinance to amend Chapter 156 and Chapter 173 of the Municipal Code of the City of Orange Township to establish minimum temperature

requirements for Senior Citizen Buildings. (Sponsored by Council Member Tency A. Eason)

Motion that Ordinance 6-2018 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held March 6, 2018 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

7-2018 An amendment to Ordinance 14-2013 requiring minimum distance from identical or similar use specific retail and service businesses within commercial zoning jurisdictions. **(Withdrawn)**

The Clerk read Ordinance 8-2018 by title.

8-2018 **An Ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles & Traffic”, Residential Parking Permit & Prohibited Parking during certain hours. (Tremont Court & Tremont Place) (Sponsored by Council Member Jamie Summers-Johnson)**

Motion that Ordinance 8-2018 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held March 6, 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 ordinance 9-2018 by title.

9-2018 **An Ordinance to amend Chapter 180, Smoking on Public Property to include prohibiting tobacco retail establishments within 1000 feet of a school building. (Sponsored by Council Member Tency A. Eason)**

Motion that Ordinance 9-2018 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held March 6, 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.

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 *38-2018 through*59-2018

- *38-2018** A resolution adopting a cash management plan for the deposit and investment of public funds of the City of Orange Township.
- *39-2018** A resolution celebrating the achievement of Taiwo Oladapo Odunowo on being selected for the United States Senate Youth Program. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
(Removed for separate vote)
- *40-2018** A resolution authorizing the award of a professional service contract to Szaferman Lakind, P.C. to provide legal counseling to the Orange Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Orange Township in matters as they relate to the Historic Preservation Commission in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.
- *41-2018** A resolution ratifying Resolution No. 330-2017 awarding professional services contract for special counsel to provide legislative research officer services.
- *42-2018** A resolution in celebration of St. Patrick's Day and honoring Governor Philip D. Murphy, Freeholder Brendan Gill, and Judge Francine A. Schott as Irishmen and Irishwoman of the Year. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- *43-2018** A resolution awarding a contract to Reliance Graphics, Inc., 80 Pompton Avenue, Verona, New Jersey 07044 to provide local municipal election printing for local election to be held on May 8, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$13,250.00.
- *44-2018** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector pursuant to the regulations of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-36 to cancel the property taxes and accumulated interest for properties acquired by the City of Orange Township Housing Authority.
- *45-2018** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel the property taxes for Hat City Lofts also known as 475 South Jefferson St., Block 5004, Lot 27.01.
- *46-2018** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate No. 17-00082 for \$2,451.72 in addition to all accrued interest, penalties and fees.

- *47-2018** A resolution authorizing the cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate No. 17-00137 for \$7,018.63 in addition to all accrued interest, penalties and fees.
- *48-2018** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector/Finance Department to refund tax sale bidders deposits.
- *49-2018** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund an overpayment to previous homeowner George Saudi for \$1,000.00 for Block 6801, Lot 7, also known as 717 Irving Terrace.
- *50-2018** A resolution authorizing the award of a contract to Denville Line Painting, 2 Green Pond Road, Rockaway, New Jersey 07866 for traffic striping on roadways in the City of Orange Township, under the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #36 commencing January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$21,500.00.
- *51-2018** A resolution authorizing the award of a contract to Garden State Highway Products, 301 Riverside Drive, Millville, New Jersey 08332 to purchase traffic signage materials and accessories for the City of Orange Township under the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, Contract #28 commencing January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.
- *52-2018** A resolution awarding a contract for car washing services of all city-owned vehicles to KC's Car Wash, LLC, 360 Thomas Blvd., Orange, New Jersey 07050 for one (1) year commencing January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00.
- *53-2018** A resolution authorizing the award of a contract to Continental Hardware, 400 Delancy Street, Newark, New Jersey 07105 to purchase hardware supplies for the City of Orange Township under the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, Contract #10 commencing January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. (Removed for separate vote)
- *54-2018** A resolution renewing the agreement with Unitemp, 26 World's Fair Drive, Unit D, Somerset, New Jersey for the maintenance to the HVAC at the Freddie Polhill Law Justice Complex, 25-29 Park Street, Orange, New Jersey in the amount not to exceed \$45,840.00.
- *55-2018** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to two equal payments of \$3,500.00 for a total of \$7,000.00 for the 2017 and 2018 annual membership fee to the Urban Essex Coalition for Smart Growth.
- *56-2018** A resolution authorizing an agreement with Edmunds & Associates, Inc., 301A Tilton Road, Northfield, New Jersey 08225 for 2018 annual hardware and software support for existing finance software system at an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00.
- *57-2018** A resolution celebrating the life of Bernice Codey Hartwyk. (Sponsored by Donna K. Williams and the Orange City Council)

- *58-2018** A resolution to enter into an agreement with Motley Rice, LLC and D'Arcy Johnson Day, P.C. to file claims on behalf of the City of Orange Township to recover costs associated with opioid abuse.
- *59-2018** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on February 6, 2018 dated February 2, 2018 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$7,917,158.24).

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.

(Resolution that were taken off for separate vote)

The Clerk read Resolution 39-2018 by Title.

- 39-2018** A resolution celebrating the achievement of Taiwo Oladapo Odunowo on being selected for the United States Senate Youth Program. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)

Motion to approve Resolution 39-2018 by Councilwoman Wooten, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

On the Motion: Councilwoman Eason read a section of the resolution.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Resolution 53-2018 by Title.

- 53-2018** A resolution authorizing the award of a contract to Continental Hardware, 400 Delancy Street, Newark, New Jersey 07105 to purchase hardware supplies for the City of Orange Township under the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, Contract #10 commencing January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Motion to approve Resolution 53-2018 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

The Clerk reported that no vote was taken for the Consent Agenda and asked for a motion to rescind the vote.

Motion to rescind the Consent Agenda vote by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda 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.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Johnson, Jr. asked everyone born in February to stand and they were applauded. Councilwoman Williams reminded the resident that the Orange Housing Party starts at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow at 340 Thomas Blvd.

PENDING BUSINESS – None.

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Wooten, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 10:01 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Kerry Coley
Council President