

**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 20, 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  
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West Ward  
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson., South Ward  
Council-President Donna K. Williams, 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.  
Captain Spearman, representing the Fire Director.  
Marty Mayes, Director of Planning/Public Work.  
Captain Vitiello, representing the Police Department.  
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance.  
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer.  
Lisette Sanchez, Records Support Technician.

**Absent:** Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large

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.

Clerk Lanier announced that there was one proposed walk-on that was available on the outside table. Business Administrator Hartwyk announced that he would like to withdraw Resolution 63-2018. Ordinance 4-2018 would be postponed until the next meeting. The Business Administrator reported that the Budget was not ready and the ETA on the Budget is contingent on the Annual Financial Statement which was not ready. The Clerk commented that Ordinance 4-2018 would be investigated to see if the hours changed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES MEETINGS**

December 5, 2017 Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes

(Hon. Summers-Johnson cannot vote, because she was not present)

**Motion to adopt the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from December 5, 2017 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Summers-Johnson

Absent: Wooten.

**Motion Carries.**

December 19, 2017 Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes

(Hon. Wooten cannot vote, because she was not present.)

**Motion to adopt the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from December 19, 2017 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

By consensus the Regular and Conference meeting minutes were approved.

January 9, 2018 Conference & Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

**Motion to adopt the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from January 9, 2018 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

By consensus the Regular and Conference meeting minutes were approved.

**REPORTS:**

**DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION – None**

**CONSTABLE REPORTS -**

**Darnell Brodie - Month of January 2018 - No activity**

**OPRA REPORTS – None**

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Finance:** Councilwoman Williams reported that the Finance Committee meeting was held on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> and reported who had attended that meeting. She reported that the PILOT proposal was reviewed and there was more information that was needed before a document could be presented to the City Council. She reported on the agenda items that were reviewed. Resolutions 68, 69 and 70-2018 need to be amended. She asked Director Mayes to provide information on Resolution 71-2018 Change Order. The Business Administrator reported that the change order is for engineering cost, and Director Mayes stated that the change order is needed because the project came in under budget. Councilwoman Williams reminded the Council Members that it was time to appointment residents to the Budget Advisory Committee. Clerk Lanier was asked when the Council’s website would be going live and she reported that they were waiting for some files. It was determined that Council Members would not put up bios on themselves at this time. Clerk Lanier stated that the Agenda and Minutes software is moving forward and

reported that around 26 people from the Administration had been trained. The target go live date is in May. Councilwoman Williams commented that there was a presentation by Public Works and the document that was handed out contained their concerns and she reported that at a future date there will be a discussion about their concerns.

**Library:** Councilman Jackson reported that he attended a Library Board of Trustee meeting and the Acting Executive Director presented a financial report, which he has not received yet. He had also asked for a copy of their minutes.

**Housing:** No report.

**Planning:** Items will be discussed later in the meeting.

**A.B.C.:** No report.

**Fire:** Deputy Chief Spearman reported on the Heathy Hearts activities that the Fire Department participated in which included having the Health Department conduct health screens, Pulse ambulance services conducted blood pressure screens, there was CPR Training and food was served. He also provided information on an upcoming event for the new Fireman in the department called the Crossing Over.

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

The City Clerk reported the following:

A Petition for permit parking on Oakwood Place from 7:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m. was received in the Clerk's Office on February 13, 2018.

### **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 the letter he had sent to the Council and Administration. He spoke about Black History month. He spoke about a resolution regarding a settlement that was not on the agenda. He asked how many times had the administration disregarded a court order directive. He asked if the bill list and agenda were posted 48 hours before the meeting. He asked about the January 2018 OPRA report figures. He questioned the Executive Session minutes and Regular meeting minutes. Mr. Feld wanted a presentation on the Valley Redevelopment plan. He asked about the Brownfield Committee members and what is their plan.
- Ms. Alice Lang, President of the Oakwood Towers Tenants Assoc., came with a number of board members and stated that they are going to take action against Council President Coley for his actions at their Tenant's Association meeting. The meeting was supposed to be about the lack of heat and rising cost of heat in their building.
- Mr. Walter Elliot from Newark spoke about Black History month and being schooled in Orange and how the teachers taught the students in those days.

- Ms. Murphy Wilson reported that the Zoning Board needed more members and asked that those residents that had been contacted to please speak with their Board Secretary. She asked about the Master Plan's status.

**Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**The Motion was unanimously approved.**

Responses to some questions:

Business Administrator Hartwyk reported that the Master Plan slowed down at the end of 2017 due to funding. The planners are now drafting the plan and doing research to create a zoning map. There should be a draft ready in March for the Zoning Board and Council to review.

The question from Mr. Feld regarding the Valley Redevelopment and Brownfield Redevelopment the Business Administrator will revisit those issues with the Planning personnel.

Clerk Lanier stated that the agenda had been sent and did not know why it was not posted. There was an OPRA report that was done at the first meeting in February so it was not done for this meeting.

The Business Administrator stated that the e-mail system was down so Friday's e-mails were not delivered till Sunday night. City Hall was closed for the holiday so the items were posted on Tuesday.

Clerk Lanier stated that Mr. Feld's heads-up letters are not required to be in the minutes of a meeting. Executive Sessions are being worked on.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- Councilwoman Summers-Johnson spoke about how she teaches her students about Black History and the movements that took place. She spoke about the new movie Black Panther and how it teaches about the black culture. She spoke about events that she had attended since the last meeting. She spoke about the help her area had received from the Police and the Department of Public Works. She reported that there will be a new Neighborhood Watch called "Unity in the Community" for the Valley residents. She reported that there will be a Single Parents Day celebration. Councilwoman Summers-Johnson was pleased to see Pulse, the new ambulance service, and representatives from East Orange General Hospital at the Healthy Heart event at the Fire Department.
- Councilwoman Williams reported on her trip to see the movie Black Panther with students from Orange. She reported that there would be a special school election in March and provided the residents with information regarding that and two organizations that are holding forums so residents can attend and meet the candidates. She commented on an update from the Health department on the flu season and provided information on Mr. Mitchell's funeral.
- Councilwoman Eason reported that she had attended the Healthy Heart event at the Fire Department. She reported that on the 28th of February St. Matthews Church will be hosting the candidates for the Board of Education. She asked the Business Administrator to make sure that all Council Members get the budget so all Council Members can have a say in it. The Councilwoman complained about the road condition on route 280 and asked if Orange uses the same process. Director Mayes assured Councilwoman Eason that the city does not. She reported on some things that Director Mayes should take care of. She had questions regarding the Nishuane contract and what it covered. The Business Administrator stated that there are tasks that the city pays for and applications that are reviewed by the Planning or the Zoning Board which Nishuane takes care of and these things are in escrow and charged to the applicant, not the city.

- Councilman Jackson reported on the Highland Avenue Train Station progress. He hoped that the public would have an opportunity to hear about the progress that was being made at the YWCA building. The Councilman commented that another positive impact that the current laws on marijuana have is the ability for families to stay together. And for medicated people to say that they prefer marijuana versus other drugs that they could become dependent on. The Councilman commented that he is looking forward to the Orange hospital property being renewed. He spoke about the youth march in Florida and his support of it.
- Councilman Johnson, Jr. thanked his neighbors that had volunteered on city boards and committees.
- Council President Coley commented on how quickly the meeting was progressing and asked the Clerk to move the agenda.
- Business Administrator Hartwyk provided details regarding the portraits that were on the bill list and why they were so expensive to Councilwoman Eason.
- Councilwoman Williams commented that Councilwomen Summers-Johnson and Wooten worked on legislation regarding teen dating and asked that the Council support the legislation.

### **ORDINANCES—SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

The Clerk read Ordinance 3-2018 by Title.

#### **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)**

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 3-2017.

Mr. Jeffery Feld commented that the ordinance was not signed by a City Attorney and asked if there was a signed copy. He stated that there needs to be more accountability stated in the ordinance. It does not state that the attorney has to report back to the Council.

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

**Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Johnson**  
**The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

**Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 3-2018 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jackson.**

**On the motion:** Councilwoman Williams stated that the resolution did have that accountability in it but perhaps the ordinance could be amended further.

#### **Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Wooten

#### **Motion Carries.**

**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)**

**The Clerk reported that Ordinance 4-2018 was being postponed to the March 6, 2018 meeting. Citizen’s comments will take place at that time.**

**ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/ FIRST READING**

The Clerk read the ordinance by title.

**10-2018 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 (Oakwood Place) (Sponsored by Councilman Kerry J. Coley)**

**Motion that Ordinance 10-2018 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held March 20 ,2018 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Council man Jackson.**

**On the motion:** Councilwoman Williams asked about a study on permit parking. The Business Administrator stated that they had done a survey during the summer, running license plates and cars that were parked in Orange overnight and found that some car owners did not live in Orange. There will be a parking study and recommendation presented to the Council for recommended amendments. She asked that the law be enforced regarding commercial vehicles. She also spoke about one-way streets that were turned into two way streets without going through the proper process. These things were happening in residential parking area ‘A’. Councilman Johnson, Jr. spoke about his concern with Ivory Court. The Business Administrator had already setup meetings with the Police Department and Director Mayes.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Wooten

**Motion Carries.**

**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 \*60-2018 through\*72-2018**

- \*60-2018 A resolution honoring Dr. Mindy Thompson Fullilove for Women’s History Month. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Donna K. Williams)**
- \*61-2018 A resolution celebrating National Single Parent Day. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson)**
- \*62-2018 A resolution re-appointing Richard Noizy as a Constable for the City of Orange Township for a term of three (3) years. (Sponsored by Council Member Harold J. Johnson, Jr.)**
- \*63-2018 A resolution appointing Lena Taylor as a tenant representative to the Rent Leveling Board in the City of Orange Township, New Jersey. (Sponsored by Council Member Jamie Summers-Johnson) (Withdrawn by the Administration)**
- \*64-2018 A resolution appointing Brenda L. Swann as a Home Owner representative to the Rent Leveling Board in the City of Orange Township, New Jersey. (Sponsored by Council Member Harold J. Johnson, Jr.)**

- \*65-2018** A resolution appointing Kenneth Toussaint as a Citizen Member to the Public Works Committee of the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Harold J. Johnson, Jr.)
- \*66-2018** A resolution designating Wallace Street beginning at Park Street and ending at Center Street as Mrs. Alma Delores Clay Way in Memoriam. (Sponsored by Council Member Adrienne Wooten and the Orange Municipal Council)
- \*67-2018** A resolution celebrating National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month (TDVAM). (Sponsored by Council Members Adrienne Wooten and Jamie Summers-Johnson and Mayors Peer Youth Group)
- \*68-2018** A resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for a grant from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund for the 496 Central Avenue Project.
- \*69-2018** A resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for a grant from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund for the 490 Central Avenue Project.
- \*70-2018** A resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for a grant from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund for the 486 New England Terrace Project.
- \*71-2018** A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 2 & 3 – final to modify the contract with American Asphalt & Milling, 95 Midland Avenue, Kearny, New Jersey 07032 for the project known as the Roadway Improvements to North Center Street in an amount not to exceed \$8,068.81.
- \*72-2018** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on February 6, 2018 dated February 16, 2018 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total \$3,385,968.02).

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Wooten

**Motion Carries.**

**NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS**

The Clerk reported that the following item is being considered for a walk on item. She read the ordinance by title into the record.

**11-2018 (WO) An ordinance adopting the Mount Vernon Avenue Redevelopment Plan**

**Motion to walk-on Ordinance 11-2018(WO) by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion Carries.**

The Clerk asked if anyone would like to comment on the walk on item.  
Mr. Jeffery Feld asked why the ordinance would be effective immediately instead of 20 days.  
Seeing no one else, the Chair declared the time closed.

**Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jackson.  
The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

**The Business Administrator spoke about the changes for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Whereas section of the ordinance that the ordinance will be amended to include the 20-day period.**

**The Clerk read the ordinance by title and read the amendment to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Whereas clause.**

**Motion to adopt as amended Ordinance 11-2018(WO)**

**On the motion:** Councilwoman Eason asked if additional parcels can be added to the ordinance.  
The Business Administrator stated that with 45 days you can add additional parcels which would extend the 45-day period again and it would be an amendment to the plan. Councilwoman Williams asked for a public hearing before March 20<sup>th</sup> when the ordinance has its second reading.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion Carries.**

**OTHER PENDING BUSINESS** Councilwoman Williams reported that there would be a memorial service for the victims of the fire on Central Place three years ago that day. Councilwoman Eason reported on the Community Leadership reception would take place on Friday night.

**Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Williams**

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

**Approved:**

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**Joyce L. Lanier**  
City Clerk

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**Kerry J. Coley**  
Council President



