

**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, MAY 15, 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  
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson., South Ward  
Councilwoman Donna K. Williams, At-Large  
Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large  
Council-president Kerry Coley, East Ward

**Also Present:**

Madeline Smith, Deputy City Clerk  
Chris Hartwyk, Business Administrator (BA)  
Eric Pennington, City Attorney  
Marlin Townes, Legislative Research Officer  
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director,  
Marty Mayes, Director of Planning/Public Work  
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer  
Tod Warren, Police Director  
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk

The Deputy Municipal 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** - None

**REPORTS:**

**DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION**

**Department of Planning & Economic Development-Month of March 2018-Total amount collected: \$29, 692.00**

**CONSTABLE REPORTS –**

- **Mohammad Toure-Month of April 2018- No activity**
- **Darnell Brodi- Month of April 9, 16, 23 and April 30 Black Belt security**
- **Richard Noizy Month of April 2018 activity- April 15, 2018 meeting and April 22, 2018 Church Security.**

**OPRA REPORTS – None**

**COUNCIL REPORTS -**

Planning: No report.

A.B.C. No report

Housing: Councilwoman Williams reported that Director McNeil will give a report at the second meeting in June. Councilwoman Wooten reported that there was a Jazz ensemble from the Middle and High Schools that played last week.

Library: Councilman Jackson reported that the Acting Executive Director had resigned. There will be a Library meeting the following Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Fire: Fire Director Douglass spoke about the EMS services within the city and the reported delay issues. He provided information on why the delays took place and measures that were put in place to correct the problem. Mr. Robert Hilton from Pulse spoke about the unusual amount of calls they had received in one day and the resources that they use during high volume days.

DPW: Ms. Gordon reported that the committee met last week with TruGreen representatives who provided information on chemicals that are used by TruGreen but did not show on list of the chemicals that are used. The Organic Landscapers company was also invited did not come to the meeting. After providing some information about the meeting she stating that there was not enough information to give a suggestion to the Council. After Ms. Gordon finished her report Business Administrator Hartwyk stated that at the DPW Committee meeting it was determined that because of the timing issue of the current season, the Public Works Committee did recommend going forward with TruGreen; they were not endorsing the company. They will continue to research the issue.

Finance: Councilwoman Williams reported on who had attended the Finance Committee meeting. They had discussed the budget introduction. They requested that Ordinance 15-2018 stay tabled. They recommended that Ordinance 25-2018 and Resolution 151-2018 be withdrawn. They also discussed the parking meters in the city.

**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. Jeffrey Feld spoke about State Supreme court decisions and suggested that the Council review those discussions. He suggested that the Open Space Tax not be voted on until the budget is figured out. He commented about the revenue reports that are provided by the Finance Department. He commented about the budget and the budget process in the city.
- Ms. Katlyn Gordon spoke about parking in the city and recommended that they do research on the Zoning Laws to determine how much permit parking can be within the city. She spoke about Resolution 155-2018 and that TruGreen was part of that resolution.

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

**The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented that the election was great and thanked the residents for voting. She spoke about the privilege of voting. She reported on a new exam for students which will have input from parents and teachers. There will be a South Ward meeting June 15<sup>th</sup> and T-Ball had started.
- Councilwoman Williams spoke about a current shooting and the woman that spoke about her family now that her husband had been shot. Councilwoman Williams provided information on upcoming city events. She spoke about a bill that that the Governor vetoed.
- Councilwoman Wooten reported on a foreclosure meeting taking place May 30<sup>th</sup>. She reported that there would be a LGBTQ meeting the following night and that she had attended school graduations in the city.
- Councilwoman Eason thanked the voters for voting and stated that Orange is in a transitional stage. The services the city provides should be what the residents need. She stated that seniors need to be informed of events and issues within the city by way other than computers and channel 35. She asked Director Mayes for some updates on issues she had reported to him.
- Councilman Jackson congratulated the Council Members on their wins and spoke about the upcoming budget hearings. He commented that he wanted some time with the City Attorney regarding the Heads Up letters and how they affect the Council.
- Councilman Johnson congratulated the Council Members on their wins and stated that there is work to be done.
- Council President Coley thanked the East Ward voters for voting for him. He spoke about abandoned properties and that they need to be maintained by DPW. There should be a schedule and no one should have to call DPW to report that maintenance needs to be done on those properties. He spoke about seniors that are property owners and need to be notified about upcoming events. He provided suggestions on how to communicate with those seniors.
- The Business Administrator spoke about senior tax breaks and the notifications that will be sent out with the tax bills. There will be staff at City Hall to help seniors fill out those forms. The Business Administrator reported on the conditional veto of the S-5 Bill which would transfer the Police and Fire retirement system to a Board of Trustees. The Governor added tax payer safe guards and is an improvement from the original S-5 Bill.

**ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

**15-2018 An ordinance rescinding ordinance #73-2017 adopted on November 8, 2017 to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-33 No Parking Certain Hours on Heywood Avenue. (TABLED APRIL 17, 2018 AND MAY 1, 2018 REGULAR MEETING)**

**The Deputy Clerk asked for a motion to lift Ordinance 15-2018 from the table.  
There was no response.**

**The Deputy Clerk read the Ordinance by title.**

**19-2018 An ordinance to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits and to establish a Cap Bank in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 for the Calendar Year 2018.**

**The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 19-2018.**

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

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

**Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 19-2018 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.**

**On the motion:** Councilman Jackson asked about the ordinance and was told that the ordinance is done every year because the appropriation count is exceeded.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

**20-2018(wo) An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles & Traffic,” Section 200-10.2 residential parking permit (Cleveland Street)**

**The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 20-2018.**

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

**Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.**

**The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

**Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 20-2018 by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Jackson.**

**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 Deputy Clerk read the ordinance by title.**

**24-2018 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-68 Permit Parking.**

**Motion that Ordinance 24-2018 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held June 19, 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.**

**The Deputy Clerk reported that the ordinance was withdrawn.**

**25-2018 Ordinance of the City of Orange Township to approve a tax exemption for a thirty (30) year period and to authorize the thirty (30) year exemption and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement between the city and 751 Vose Avenue Urban Renewal, LLC**

**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.

**\*121-2018 A resolution awarding a contract for landscape chemical application and fertilization to TruGreen LP, 9 Middlebury Blvd., Randolph, New Jersey 07869 for one (1) year commencing April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 in the amount not to exceed \$9,006.00. (TABLED APRIL 17 AND MAY 1, 2018 REGULAR MEETING)**

**Motion to lift from the table 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.**

**(Councilwoman Williams postponed the resolution)**

- \*138-2018** A resolution authorizing a referendum question to establish a Municipal Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Tax Rate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams) (POSTPONED MAY 1, 2018 REGULAR MEETING)

**RESOLUTION NUMBERS \*147-2018 THROUGH \*157-2018**

- \*147-2018** A resolution appointing Jonathan Arroyave as a member of the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2018 municipal budget process. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- \*148-2018** A resolution to read the Calendar Year 2018 budget by title.
- \*149-2018** A resolution celebrating Municipal Clerks Week. (Sponsored by Orange City Council).
- \*150-2018** A resolution establishing a Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) for the 2018 annual Municipal budget process. (separate vote)
- \*151-2018** A resolution introducing and approving the 2018 Calendar Year budget (January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018.) (Withdrawn from the agenda)
- \*152-2018** A resolution to accept State of New Jersey Recycling Tonnage 2015 grant funds in the amount of \$9,131.93
- \*153-2018** A resolution authorizing and ratifying a professional service contract for the provision of interpreting services to the City of Orange Township Municipal Court pursuant to the non-fair and open process.
- \*154-2018** A resolution to accept Essex County Local History Program (ECLHP) grant funds in the amount of \$1,057.66 for the creation of Historic Preservation Commission Informational Brochures.
- \*155-2018** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the High and Alden Street Park Field Improvements Phase II to Landtek Group, Inc., 235 County Line Road, Amitville, New York 11701 in the amount not to exceed \$816,896.75
- \*156-2018** A resolution celebrating the achievement of Jenny Rodriguez on being selected for a scholarship from the National Honor Society. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams) (separate vote)
- \*157-2018** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on May 15, 2018 dated May 11, 2018 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$3,373,200.48).

**Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jackson.**

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

**The Deputy Clerk read the resolution by title.**

150-2018 A resolution establishing a Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) for the 2018 annual Municipal budget process.

**Motion to adopt Resolution 150-2018 by Councilwoman Eason seconded by Councilwoman Williams.**

**On the motion:** Councilwoman Wooten asked if the resolution has to be amended. The City Attorney stated that he would like to amend the resolution. He stated the following title.

**A Resolution establishing the Citizen Budget Advisory Committee CBAC for the 2018 Budget process and ratifying the all prior appointments to that committee as amended.**

**Motion to adopt Resolution 150-2018 as amended by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion Carries.**

The Deputy Clerk read the resolution by title.

156-2018 A resolution celebrating the achievement of Jenny Rodriguez on being selected for a scholarship from the National Honor Society. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)

**Motion to adopt Resolution 156-2018 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.**

**On the motion:** Councilwoman Williams stated that it was sponsored by the City Council of Orange. Councilman Jackson also congratulated Ms. Rodriguez.

**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**

BA Hartwyk stated that he is working with Comcast to have the Council meetings sent to the cloud having it in English with Spanish and Creol subtitles.

**OTHER PENDING BUSINESS None.**

**Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Wooten, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.**

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 10:07 P.M.

**Approved:**

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**Joyce L. Lanier**  
**City Clerk**

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**Kerry Coley**  
**Council President**