

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 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2018 AT 7:36 P.M.

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:

Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Madeline Smith, City Deputy Clerk
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Gracia R. Montilus, Acting City Attorney
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director
Marty Mayes, Planning and Public Works Director
Todd Warren, Police Director
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Lisette Sanchez, Records Support Technician
Margaret Homere, Senior Clerk

Absent: None

The City Deputy Clerk asked all to stand for a Moment of Silence.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General item shall sign on (1) book. Each person signing the book will be allowed to speak for 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 July 12, 2018 posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Presentation-Walter McNeil, Director of Orange Housing Authority

Mr. McNeil spoke about the City’s vacant and abandoned properties. Provided a status on the Walter G. Alexander Village and the development of Phase IV. Their plan to transform 11 abandoned properties into affordable homes on Central Place. He reported that all units in the Walter G Alexander III are fully rented. He provided information on what the Housing Authority is doing and has done for the city. Mr. McNeil answered questions for the Council Members. Mr. Brad Leak is the new CFO for the Housing Authority.

The Clerk made the following statement.

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.

Councilman Johnson invited Mr. McNeil to the Joint meeting on September 22nd.

The Business Administrator commented that Resolutions 221, 222,223,225,228 and 229-2018 are liaison appointments made by the Council President and do not have to be resolutions. The Council President will appoint through memorandum. The Business Administrator reported that Resolution 253-2018 should be held till a closed session is held and 256-2018 should be held until the interview is done.

Councilwoman Eason, with regard to Resolution 254-2018 had the Business Administrator confirm that this resolution did not impact the work that had already been done.

Councilman Jackson regarding Ordinance 34-2018 asked does this ordinance duplicate some of the Zoning boards obligations and practices. The Business Administrator provided information on this matter The Business Administrator commented that resolution 248-2018 is being pulled.

Councilman Jackson had a number of questions on tax payment reasons and had the prior process been corrected. The Business Administrator stated that they are items of cleanup.

Councilman Jackson Resolution 243-2018, he questioned some terms of the contract. Director Mayes spoke about the sign survey that they are going to undertake to determine which signs need to be replaced.

Councilman Johnson, Jr. asked about the two ordinances on the Vose property, he did not feel that there was communication between Zoning and Planning. He spoke about the lack of available parking that the complex should have.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 8:27 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Kerry J. Coley
Council President