

THIS WAS A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE AMENDMENTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF CITY HALL, 29 NORTH DAY STREET, ORANGE, NEW JERSEY ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2018 AT 7:16 P.M.

The City Clerk made announcements of the flow of the meeting and reported that resolutions 270-2018 was being postponed, 271-2018 was being postponed and 253-2018 was withdrawn by the administration.

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 Donna K. Williams, At-Large
Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large
Council-president Kerry Coley, East Ward

Also Present:

Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Chris Hartwyk, Business Administrator (BA)
Gracias R. Montilus, Acting City Attorney
Marlin Townes, Acting Legislative Research Officer
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk
Lisette Sanchez, Records Support Technician
Dieter Lerch, Budget Consultant

Absent: Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson, South Ward

The assembled stood for a moment of silence.

The City Clerk announces that the requirement of N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 et. seq., “Sunshine Law” has been met a public notice was sent to the Star Ledger and Record Transcript on August 10, 2018 and published on August 16, 2018 and posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

Clerk: This is an advertised Public Hearing of the Amendments for the Calendar Year 2018 Municipal Budget. Copies have been made available to the public. Anyone who has not secured a copy of the Amendments of Calendar Year 2018 Local Municipal Budget may do so at this time.

President: Before opening this hearing, I wish to outline the procedure. Each person desiring to be heard will rise, give his/her name and address before speaking. I will recognize one speaker at a time, in order of rising, as nearly as I can determine. Address all questions to the Chair. When necessary, they will be referred to the individual members of the Governing Body, Municipal Officials or Advisors. Questions must be confined solely to the Amendments of the Calendar Year 2018 Municipal Budget before us; school or county matters are not proper subjects for this hearing and cannot be discussed or answered this evening.

President: I now declare the Public Hearing on the Amendments of the Municipal Budget for the Calendar Year 2018 to open.

Budget Consultant Mr. Dieter – Budget Statement

Mr. Dieter stated that the Council had met its mandatory obligation with respect to the 2018 budget. The BA announced that this budget does not call for any layoffs of Police or Fireman. He spoke about the Restrictive Library fund providing information of the fund.

Motion to open the Public Hearing on the Amendments for the Calendar Year 2018 Budget for the City of Orange Township by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr. The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Resolution 216A-2018 A resolution to amend the City of Orange Township calendar 2018 Manual budget.

The Clerk read the Amendments of the Calendar Year 2018 Local Municipal Budget. Mr. Dieter read other amendments to the Calendar Year 2018 Local Municipal Budget.

The Clerk asked if anyone from the public wished to speak.

- Mr. Jeffery Feld he objected to the procedure for Resolution 216A-2018. He commented that it was not clear what changes had been made to the budget. He asked what happen at the July 18th Local Finance Board meeting.
- Ms. Katalin Gordon commented on her own calculations of the municipal tax rate increase. She spoke about the user friendly budget.
- Mr. Gus Michelle asked about the salary adjustments and unclassified items.

President: Observing no further applications from the floor, I will entertain a Motion and second to close the Public Hearing to the Amendments of the Municipal Budget for the Calendar Year 2018.

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

Mr. Dieter provided information regarding unclassified items and salary adjustments and spoke about the parliamentary procedures that take place during a budget and the hearing. He reported that the

budget that was introduced and what is being presented tonight shows a slight reduction, so there is no dramatic change in the tax levy that was introduced and this amendment.

The Clerk read the resolution by title.

272-2018 A resolution adopting the calendar year 2018 Municipal Budget January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson,

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.

The City Clerk asked if anyone would like to speak on any agenda item.

- Mr. Jeffery Feld spoke about his weekly memo and to have his comment regarding these resolutions incorporated into the record. Asked why an accountant giving legal opinions.
- Ms. Murphy Wilson spoke about the planning board having a concurrent meeting about items on this agenda.
- Ms. Janice Morrell had questions regarding the amended resolutions. She suggested certain language be used directing the planning board in resolutions. She also spoke about the Planning Board meeting at the same time of a Council meeting. She also reported that there was no notice of the Planning Board meeting for that evening.

Motion to close citizen comments by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The BA provided a summary of the Planning Board's resolutions stating they were procedural in nature providing information on them. They added the language of condemnation. Councilwoman Eason asked that those resolutions be postponed to the September meeting and have the School Board superintendent present. The BA providing information as to why they could not wait till September. Councilwoman Eason stated that they should move on the one critical resolution and postpone the others. Councilman Johnson, Jr. stated that they should move on all of the resolutions that evening. Councilwoman Williams asked the BA about each resolution. The BA declined to do so. Councilman Jackson provided his understanding of the resolutions and saw no reason to postpone voting.

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RESOLUTION NUMBERS *264-2018 THROUGH *272-2018

Councilwoman Eason pulled each resolution for a separate vote.

***253-2018** A resolution designating Chadwick Capital, LLC as redeveloper in the Lincoln Avenue Redevelopment Area for 595 Lincoln Avenue. (POSTPONED AUGUST 8, 2018 COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING) Postpone till September 4th meeting)

The City Clerk read the resolution by title.

***264-2018** A resolution to amend Resolution 142-2017 which was previously adopted and authorized the Planning Board to conduct an investigation to determine if certain areas within the City of Orange Township should be determined to be an area in need of redevelopment with condemnation or an area in need of rehabilitation.

Motion to adopt Resolution 264-2018 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Eason

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson,

Motion Carries.

The City Clerk read the resolution by title.

***265-2018** A resolution to amend Resolution 195-2017 which was previously adopted and authorized the Planning Board to conduct an investigation to determine if certain areas within the City of Orange Township should be determined to be an area in need of redevelopment with condemnation or an area in need of rehabilitation.

Motion to adopt Resolution 265-2018 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Eason

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson,

Motion Carries.

The City Clerk read the resolution by title.

***266-2018** A resolution to amend Resolution 269-2017 which was previously adopted and authorized the Planning Board to conduct an investigation to determine if certain areas within the City of Orange Township should be determined to be an area in need of redevelopment with condemnation or an area in need of rehabilitation.

Motion to adopt Resolution 266-2018 by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Eason
Abstain: None.
Absent: Summers-Johnson,

Motion Carries.

The City Clerk read the resolution by title.

***267-2018** A resolution to amend Resolution 270-2017 which was previously adopted and authorized the Planning Board to conduct an investigation to determine if certain areas within the City of Orange Township should be determined to be an area in need of redevelopment with condemnation or an area in need of rehabilitation.

Motion to adopt Resolution 267-2018 by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

The City Clerk read the resolution by title.

***268-2018** A resolution to amend Resolution 271-2017 which was previously adopted and authorized the Planning Board to conduct an investigation to determine if certain areas within the City of Orange Township should be determined to be an area in need of redevelopment with condemnation or an area in need of rehabilitation.

Motion to adopt Resolution 268-2018 by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

The City Clerk read the resolution by title.

***269-2018** A resolution to amend Resolution 272-2017 which was previously adopted and authorized the Planning Board to conduct an investigation to determine if certain areas within the City of Orange Township should be determined to be an area in need of redevelopment with condemnation or an area in need of rehabilitation.

Motion to adopt Resolution 269-2018 by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

- *270-2018** A resolution to accept State of New Jersey Recycling Tonnage 2014 Grant Funds in the amount of \$9,405.63. **(Postponed till September 4 meeting)**
- *271-2018** A resolution to accept Essex County Senior Services Grant Funds in the amount of \$19,262.00. **(Postponed till September 4 meeting)**

The Clerk announced that at this time there would be an Executive Session held.

- *273-2018** A resolution to hold an Executive (Closed) Session to discuss contract negotiations, litigation and personnel matters.

Motion to hold an Executive Session by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson,

Motion Carries.

There was a announcement while they were still broadcasting Ms. Wendy Sykes Director of Community Services, spoke about an event that was coming up that weekend, the Mayor's Annual Back to School event, providing information about registration information.

Motion to enter into Executive Session by Councilwoman Williams seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson,

Motion Carries.

They entered Executive Session at 8:30 P.M.

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Wooten, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Kerry Coley
Council President