

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 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 AT 7:01 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present:

Councilman Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilman Christopher Jackson, At-Large (arrived @ 7:02)
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
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Gracia R. Montilus, Acting City Attorney
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director
Marty Mayes, Planning and Public Works Director
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Lisette Sanchez, Records Support Technician
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk

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

SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall sign one (1) book. Each person signing the book will be allowed to speak for a 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

Granicus-Legislation Software - UPDATE

Clerk Lanier reported that all the users have been trained and will be sent training videos for their review. Business Administrator advised submission date is end of September the day after the second meeting in September. The Business Administrator further stated that Sharon Watkins, Gracia Montilus, Beatrice Cesario and himself are the most important users since they will be submitting legislation.

The Clerk reported that Ordinance 42-2018 was withdrawn by administration and Resolution 235-2018 is being postponed.

The Clerk stated that 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.

Councilwoman Williams confirmed to Councilwoman Eason that Resolution 235-2018 would be withdrawn.

With regard to Ordinance 38-2018 Councilwoman Eason commented that there is a catch all phrase re: all HUD buildings – some seniors not getting benefits. The Business Administrator commented that he has a question about the tax appeal section. The landlord only gets credit and credit should be given to tenant. Attorney Townes stated that was the code from East Orange. The Business Administrator was not sure how it was going to be policed. The ordinance was withdrawn. Councilwoman Eason with regard to Resolution 271-2018 – inquired as to how the money was going to be spent. Is it part of transportation? Councilwoman Eason suggested changes like seniors should be dropped off at the door, not having to walk back and forth to the bus. There should be a stipulation for assistance. The Business Administrator spoke about the grant fund and would schedule a meeting with the Bus Drivers go over their responsibilities and training if necessary.

Councilman Johnson, r. regarding Ordinance 37-2018 – was under the impression all Heywood Avenue was not going to be used. Councilwoman Williams commented that the Ordinance is going to undo what was done and back to what it was and restart.

The Clerk advised there is a walk on resolution to be considered. 283-2018(WO). Business Administrator referred to at the last meeting. Code states there is a 12 a.m. deadline.

Councilman Johnson – Ord. 33-2018 requested clarification. Councilwoman Eason requested legislation if money for council not used should be able to be use the following year. Councilwoman Williams advised money goes to general fund. The Business Administrator confirmed that any unused funds will go to general fund not the following year. Councilwoman Eason's reiterated \$1,000 per Council Member – any extra should be out of pocket. Councilman Johnson in disagreement with Councilwoman Eason about this legislation.

Councilman Jackson regarding Ordinance 36-2018(WO), he wanted to know what taxes could have been charged without exemption and how much will the City save? Gracia advised memos for Ordinance 35-2018 and 36-2018(WO) will be provided once they receive information from Finance. Councilman Jackson would not support. Tax Assessor Aaron Wilson advised current taxes now are \$3,000. At conclusion \$126,000 a year. Gross revenue \$136,363 less county 5% \$129,545 – current taxes on vacant land \$3,200. Councilman Jackson Ord. 39-2018 and 40-2018 requested language be added. 39-2018 Section 1 –add “Mayor control of administration” and also add “city council in the title after chapter 4 article 2.” Ordinance 40-2018 add vehicles & traffic. Section 1A:2 – change from 5 to 3 consecutive evenings. Councilwoman Eason suggested one day with possibility of 3. Councilwoman Williams suggested they call in daily. The Business Administrator suggested using language that states a guest should not get more than 3 consecutive days in a month or 3 evenings in 90-day period. Councilman Jackson Resolution 270-2018 inquired as to how funds are allocated? Councilwoman Williams advised Finance Committee be provided with information on how funds for 2017 and 2018 have been used. Councilman Jackson regarding Resolution 274-2018 requested how much will be saved by participating. Business Administrator advised that in 2015 and portion of 2016 the City saved \$800,000 a year. Councilman Jackson further requested numbers be added to resolution to inform the public. Councilman Jackson asked about bill list item Resolution 282-2018, Comcast bill what was the \$4,800 for. Business Administrator advised a variety of accounts

(Ethernet in 3 bldgs., router connections, etc.). A meeting is being scheduled to get clarification of services.

Councilwoman Eason, asked about the black caucus bill for \$3,000 – lodging. She was told that Council Members Johnson, Jr., Coley, and Williams would be attending and lodging.

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

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 8:01 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Kerry J. Coley
Council President