

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, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018, FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

The Chair led all assembled in a Salute to the American Flag.

Roll Call:

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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
Council-president Kerry Coley, East Ward

Also Present:

Joyce L. Lanier, City 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
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk

Absent: Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large

The City Clerk announces that the requirement of N.J. S.A. 10:4-9 et. seq., The Sunshine Law had been met. A notice of this meeting was sent to the Record-Transcript and published in the Star Ledger on July 12, 2018, 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 2018

- **Department of Planning & Economic Development month of May 2018-
Total collection: \$62,032.00**

- **Department of Planning & Economic Development month of June 2018-**
Total collection: \$59,476.00
- **Department of Planning & Economic Development month of July 2018-**
Total collection: \$51,537.00
- **Department of Planning & Economic Development month of August 2018**
Total collection: \$47,550.00
- **Department of Community Services month of May 2018-**
Total collection \$14,005.00
- **Department of Community Services month of June 2018-**
Total collection \$31,221.00
- **Department of Community Services month of July 2018-**
Total collection \$21,004.00
- **City Clerk's Office-month of August 2018 collection-**
Total: \$158.05

- **CONSTABLE REPORTS –**
Darnell Brodi- Month of August 2018- August 6, 13, 20 and August 27, 2018
Black belt Security
Richard Noizy- Month of August 2018- August 5, Church Security, August 18 monthly meeting, August 20, church security and August 31 church security.

- **OPRA REPORTS –Month of August 2018-135 OPRA requested, 114 completed and 21 pending. Total for the year pending are 108 OPRA as of AUGUST 31, 2018**

- **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Finance: Mr. Coram Rimes reported on the Finance Committee Notes of September 17, 2018.

Planning: Councilwoman Eason reminded Council she did not attend meeting but there is a Joint Meeting scheduled for 09/22/18 - next Planning Board Meeting is on September 26, 2018 public hearing scheduled. Clerk advised public notice was sent out re: Central Business redevelopment study.

ABC: No report.

Library: No report.

Planning: Ms. Kaitlyn Gordon they met to discuss planning board meeting

Police: Director Todd Warren appeared acknowledging three officers from the department who recovered a weapon. Provided Police Department calendar of events. Reported Officer Holmes is feeling better. Councilwoman Williams asked Director Warren how they recruit for the PAL program and requested information be provided to the Clerk's Office.

- Fire:** Director Douglas reported about the fire safety event which occurred on September 16, 2018. The event was featured on News 12. A grant was given to the Fire Department for a sprinkler system. October is Fire Prevention Month. Councilwoman Summers-Johnson attended the fire safety event and requested that video be shown at schools. Director Douglas thanked some fire department members for their time and contributions for demonstrations. Councilman Jackson inquired if sprinklers are required for new construction. Director Douglas confirmed yes. Councilwoman Eason confirmed that for Planning Board applications are checked to confirm that sprinkler systems are part of new construction.
- Housing:** Councilwoman Williams stated that the scholarship event was postponed to October 15, 2018. At Brooklake in Florham Park.

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.

- Dr. Statter complemented Councilwoman Eason for being proactive in getting events information out to the public. Expressed his concern about Reynolds Street where there is a no parking Wednesday midday to Sunday 9 p.m. sign and requested Council to please review and consider making Reynolds Street a one-way street.
- Ms. Murphy Wilson stated that Ord. 44-2018 is not correct and does not provide information agreed upon. Also Ord. 47-2018 should be brought up at the Joint Meeting.
- Ms. Kaitlyn Gordon stated her concern about Ord. 45-2018 and would like the Council to review it and stated that Police should be encouraged to work with the public. She stated that at the last council meeting two ordinances handling the taxes of 75 Vose Avenue and 365-375 Lincoln Avenue had opposition from the public.
- Mr. Derrick Henry – commended that the public want events to be proactive. Expressed his concern about Ord. 43-2018 language.
- Gloria Stewart – would like Mayor Warren to attend meetings. Asked if a Director of Finance is needed. With regard to Heywood Avenue parking for staff she requested clarification of the Ordinance. Ms. Stewart requested events be posted on Channel 35 and flyers be distributed at the schools. With regard to the Two new buildings on Central Avenue she asked when and how

they will benefit the residents of Orange. She asked about rezoning and its impact. She made a statement for overnight parking.

- Mr. Mitchell expressed his concern about permit parking and wants to know why permits have been issued to people who have license plates from other states. Would like Mr. Mosely to provide explanation as to why these parking permits have been issued to out of state residents.
- Tyrone Tarver is a School Board member but is here as an Orange resident not a representative of the School Board. He spoke about the Committee to Recall Mayor Warren. The City Attorney indicated this it was not the proper forum to make a political comment. Mr. Tarver asked about the distribution of flyers by the concerned residents of Orange. He asked the Business Administrator what is the approved tax rate for 2018 and can the adopted budget be posted online.
- Karen Wells expressed concern and read a list of items that have not been achieved by the Orange representatives.

Motion to close Citizens' comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Eason

Responses to some of the questions:

- Attorney Marlin Townes Ord. 43-2018 - 2% cap has nothing to do with taxes but has to do with cap on rents for seniors. Councilwoman Williams confirmed 2% cap for seniors living in homes not apartment buildings that are subsidized.
- Mr. Mapp, Director of Finance stated the following: Orange Municipal rate is 3.68%, County tax, County open space, local municipal and minimum library tax is \$5.23 in 2018 vs. \$4.87 in 2017.
- Director Marty Mayes – could not explain how someone can be issued an out of state parking decal. The Business Administrator will look into and get back to council. Administration can only issue permits in accordance with the Ordinance. Councilwoman Jackson expressed concerned how residents live in Orange but have license plates from out of state, which by law transfer should be made.
- The Business Administrator confirmed parking for the staff will not be affected by the Ordinance for Heywood Avenue. The Business Administrator provided an update on Channel 35. Certain IT equipment must be updated and is being processed. Flyers to the school –flyers have been uploaded to Channel 35. With regard to Ord. 47-2018 the Business Administrator will provide a map to identify blocks and lots being affected.
- Councilwoman Williams provided information on Ordinance 46-2018 stating that it would update the city code regarding liaisons for city departments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- The Business Administrator spoke about new Construction on Central Avenue – Save a lot – there will be grand opening at the end of September or October.
- Ordinance 45-2018 the Business Administrator provided explanation that guess parking was not part of the ordinance and it was now added.
- Councilwoman Eason – thanked Orange Police Dept. and the Business Administrator for the successful transition to the Valley. Requested Police Officer who attends council meeting stop people from being disrespectful during the meetings. She asked about the Parkinson and Warwick property status – Marty Mayes sent letter to the bank who owns property and can take up to 30 days. Business Administrator Hartwyk confirmed Central Avenue bus stop cannot be shortened to allow fire truck to enter and exist station.

Mr. Rimes confirmed that the Housing Authority owns 340 Thomas Street and the Walter G. projects.

- Councilwoman Williams asked if there is a lease on the Highland Avenue Train Station – City attorney confirmed there is no lease. The Business Administrator was not sure because NJ Transit takes a significant amount of time. Councilwoman Williams asked Business Administrator Hartwyk when there can be a community meeting regarding Highland Avenue Train Station and the Rec Center. He stated that the Rec Center would be discussed at the October 2, 2018 meeting and there can be community meeting between 10/2/18 to 10/16/18. He will have to speak to Director Mayes regarding the Train station. Councilwoman Williams talked about people of Orange who have passed. She spoke about dumpsters for multifamily locations. The Business Administrator is looking into it.
- Councilwoman Summers-Johnson – spoke about having flyers that are sent home to be put on the website and on Sept. 27 there will be community meeting at The Lady of the Valley at 6:30 to 7:30 You can sign up for Neighborhood Watch at that meeting. The sign on Tremont Avenue should be taken down. Back to School nights are continuing and she asked parents to get involved.
- Councilman Jackson advised that there are some issues the council has no control over. He had confirmed that the tax increase overall was 7.4% by the Business Administrator.
- Councilman Johnson, Jr. regarding the Highland Station, NJ Transit should provide coverage for the bus stop. With regard to Tony Galento parking the Business Administrator confirmed it is not commuter parking it is only 2-hour parking.
- Council President Coley – asked for an update from Director Mayes about the meeting with the Business Administrator and City Attorney regarding 186 Hickory Street. Director Mayes stated that the next step is to take them to court. The Council President wants a letter sent to the Business Administrator and Director Mayes asking for a plan of action what they have been doing and what they plan to do next. He wants a response for the next Council meeting. Main St yellow lines from McDonalds and forward were not funded and the Business Administrator is looking into getting a machine to paint the lines so the work does not have to be contracted out. The Business Administrator reported that a Budget work sheets memo went out to all directors conveying a directive to identify budget items.

ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING -None

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/ FIRST READING

The City Clerk read Ordinance Number 43-2018 by Title.

43-2018 An ordinance to amend and supplement the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 166, entitled “Rent Control” to implement a 2% cap on rental increases for qualified senior citizens. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams).

Motion that Ordinance 43-2018 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held October 16, 2018 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Eason

Absent: Wooten

Motion Carries.

The City Clerk read Ordinance Number 44 -2018 by title and then the amendment.

44-2018 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-33 (Heywood Avenue). (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams).

Motion that Ordinance 44-2018 as amended be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held October 16, 2018 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

The City Clerk read Ordinance Number 45-2018 by Title.

45-2018 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, Article II, entitled “Parking” to create procedures for overnight parking of guests. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams).

Motion that Ordinance 45-2018 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held October 16, 2018 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.

The City Clerk read Ordinance Number 46-2018 by Title.

46-2018 An ordinance to amend and supplement the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 4, Article II, to authorize City Council liaisons. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams).

Motion that Ordinance 46-2018 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held October 16, 2018 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.

The City Clerk read Ordinance Number 47-2018 by Title.

47-2018 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township amending the City of Orange Township Zoning Ordinance by amending the zoning designation and zoning map to rezone Block: 4102 – Lots: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 (Lighthipe Place, Clarendon Place, Carteret Place); Block: 4804 – Lots: 1, 2, 7, 8 (Reynolds Terrace, Carteret Place, Carteret Terrace); Block: 5801 – Lots: 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 (Berwick St) Block: 5802 – Lots: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & 36, 37, 38, 39,

40, 41, 42 (Berwick St.) from the zoning district known as A-2, denoted as one-two and more residential district referenced in Section 210-14 of Chapter 210 (Development Regulations) to the zoning district known as AA, denoted as Suburban Residential District referenced in Section 210-14 of Chapter 210 (Development Regulations)

Motion that Ordinance 47-2018 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held October 16, 2018 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

On the Motion: Councilman Johnson, Jr. Spoke about unknown change to the South Ward street Berwick and how it will be affected. Councilman Jackson wanted clarification also and to establish a standard to clarify compliance with the Master Plan.

The Business Administrator stated it was an amendment to the ordinance and explained that it did not allow one family home to be converted to two and three family homes. He also said that the Master Plan may be revisited in the future regarding this ordinance. The Business Administrator will add a whereas clause to clarify that no one family can be converted into a two or three family home.

The Clerk read the change that was made to the ordinance

Motion that Ordinance 47-2018 be introduced as amended on first reading and that the public hearing would be held October 16, 2018 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

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.

RESOLUTIONS NUMBERS *284-2018 THROUGH *289-2018

- *284-2018** A resolution authoring the cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate No. 15-00014 on Block 903, Lot 15 also known as 195 Park Avenue, and a refund to outside lien holder US Bank Cust PC 6 LLC in the amount of \$12,378.39 in addition to accrued interest and penalties.
- *285-2018** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund Corelogic Tax Services, LLC for inadvertent payments remitted for Block 6007, Lot 3 Qualifier C2002 A/K/A 595 Christopher Street \$4,930.88.
- *286-2018** A resolution amending Resolution 379-2017 entitled "A resolution authorizing the purchase of mineral rock salt for the Public Works Department through Essex County Co-op for the 2017-2018 winter season from Morton Salt in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00" to provide excess funds for the purchase of additional rock salt for the winter season 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$1,740.10.

- *287-2018** A resolution authorizing the award of a contract to Field Turf USA, Inc., 175 N. Industrial Blvd., NE, Calhoun, GA 30701 for the purchase and installation of synthetic turf at High and Alden Street Park under the Keystone Purchasing Network Co-op Contract #201801-01 in an amount not to exceed \$374,297.00.
- *288-2018** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract to Custom Bandag, Inc., 401 E. Linden Avenue, Linden, New Jersey 07036 to purchase various models and sizes of tires via catalog discount for automotive, light truck and medium feet vehicles under the Essex County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #18-090 commencing September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$39,500.00.
- *289-2018** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on September 18, 2018 dated September 14, 2018 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$7,956,025.13). (Removed for separate vote)

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

Items removed from Consent Agenda.

The Clerk read the resolution by title.

- 289-2018** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on September 18, 2018 dated September 14, 2018 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$7,956,025.13).

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

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

- City Clerk reminded everyone of the following:
- The Zoning Board meeting will take place on September 24.
- The Planning Board Meeting will take place on September 26.
- The Historic Preservation Meeting will take place on September 19.

The Business Administrator stated that he had given the Clerk new revenue reports that were run specifically to answers questions by Council Members.

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

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 9:48 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Kerry Coley
Council President