

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 THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019 AT 7:05 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 (arrived @ 7:08)
Councilwoman Donna K. Williams, At-Large (arrived @ 7:14)
Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large
Council-president Kerry Coley, East Ward (arrived @ 7:10)

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 (arrived @ 7:18)
Marty Mayes, Planning and Public Works Director
Todd Warren, Police Director (arrived @ 7:07)
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Lisette Sanchez, Records Support Technician

Absent:

The City 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 a maximum of five (5) minutes.

Sunshine Law

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 12 July 2018, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Corrective Action Plan.

The Correction Action Plan will be discussed at the January 15, 2019 meeting. The Business Administrator asked that the Police Captain speak on the submachine gun. Captain Bossier of the Police Dept. spoke in regards to the Resolution 3-2019 regarding shot guns. A 1929 submachine gun acquired by the Police Dept. that is no longer allowed to be

utilized by any police department. In 1934, the federal government filed a new law and the city should have had the weapon registered to allow the City to use it. Unfortunately, the weapon was never registered. Therefore, the gun is considered contraband. The City located a Thompson Sub Machine Gun Collector which can use the weapon for parts. They can legally take the machine gun, cut off the receiver and use it for parts. If the city does that and gives then 3 old shot guns, the city will receive 5 Remington shot guns in return. The Council President expressed his concern about departing from the weapon. Captain Bossier further advised that the machine gun cannot be transferred nor sold since it was never registered. The only other option is to give it to the State Police to melt down. Captain Bossier answered questions by Council Members.

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.

The Business Administrator reported that Resolution 7-2019 will be amended. The Aggregate column amount will be added to the amended resolution.

Councilwoman Eason with regard to Resolution 4-2019 asked how long it would take to demolish the house. Director Marty Mayes advised that it should take two weeks to demolish. Councilman Jackson inquired how many companies in Essex County responded. Director Mayes advised only one but for each bid he reaches out to four or five companies and a deadline time is given.

Councilwoman Wooten requested an amendment to Ordinance 1-2019 - add Whereas on ___ day the citizens asked the council to amend ordinance for permit parking by petitions. Further Councilwoman Wooten wants language to include that a director confirmed that an ambulance and fire truck can get in and out of street. Business Administrator advised that the ordinance can be withdrawn, amendment made and brought back with fire official’s certification.

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson inquired about residents who have received summonses and the Business Administrator advised that he has instructed the Police Department to not issue any summonses until the matter is resolved.

Business Administrator advised that recently 11 applicants were denied a parking permit because they do not have the proper documentation to obtain a parking permit.

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

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 7:39 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Kerry J. Coley
Council President