

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 THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

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 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 Hartwyk, Business Administrator (BA)
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney
Marlin Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director,
Marty Mayes, Director of Planning/Public Work
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance
Todd Warren, Police Director
Lisette Sanchez, Records Support Technician

Absent:

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MEETINGS

October 16, 2018-Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from October 16, 2018 by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilman Jackson

The Motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION 2018

- **Department of Community Service – Month of November – Total \$17,880.00**

CONSTABLE REPORTS

- **Mohamed Toure- Month of November 2018- No activity**
- **Richard Noizy-Month of November 2018- November 4 and 5, 2018 church security and November 25, 2018 monthly meeting.**

OPRA REPORTS None.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Finance Committee: CM Williams read into the record the Finance Committee minutes from the January 2, 2019 meeting. She reported that a RFQ would be done for the legislative research officer. Resolution 8-2019, Municipal Council/City Clerk Contracts were discussed. Adrienne Mapp advised that he will get back to the Council regarding the website contract. The BA confirmed that he will have a revenue report for Resolution 61-2018 on the parking deck. They spoke about Resolution 220-2018 regarding the tax rate. 6-2019 the outside attorney’s labor list. There will be a resolution ratifying the maintenance contract for the cameras.

- Planning: No report.
 - ABC: No report.
 - Library: No report.
 - Library: No report.
 - Housing: Councilwoman Wooten reported that they were presently in a meeting.
 - Public Works: No report. CM Williams advised that a meeting was held on _____ and the snow removal plan was discussed.
 - Police Dept: Director Warren advised that there are 10 recruits that started in the academy today and 6 will start in April. In addition, he advised that the toy drive helped over 700 families. CM Williams inquired about the marijuana drug bust in Orange, she heard about it on the news. Director Warren advised he is waiting for the investigation to conclude to advise the Council.
 - Fire: No report.
- CM Williams advised that a meeting was held on December 28th and that the snow removal plan was discussed and amendments to the snow plan.

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.

Mr. Jeffery Feld advised he delivered a head up memo on Monday, December 31, 2018 and went into details about items listed on the memo. On January 2, 2019, he filed a new complaint. Today after six months after his request, he received a letter from the City denying privilege to the FBI subpoena.

Ms. Sherry Hanit who resides at 7 East Clark Street wants clarity on parking permits. BA advised that Ord. 1-2019 does not affect her residence.

Motion to Close Citizen's Comments by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented that South Ward meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend and the next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2019. She spoke about her Christmas with her family.

Councilwoman Williams wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Wooten wished everyone Happy Holidays. She thanked everyone for their kind thoughts and cards for her mother, who is now doing fine.

Councilwoman Eason wished everyone a Happy New Year. She advised the BA that she would like to have further discussion about the EMS contract and the BA advised that contract is out for bid.

Councilman Jackson expressed his gratitude to all City departments for improving.

Councilman Johnson wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked Council President for his leadership.

Council President Coley wished everyone a Happy New Year. Further, he inquired about the new recycling schedule and requested same to be posted on the website. He commented that residents should get renter insurance.

ORDINANCES—SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

The Clerk read the Ordinance by title.

61-2018 Ordinance of the City of Orange Township approving a Garage Lease Agreement with D&R Orange Urban Renewal, LLC, providing for a thirty (30) year lease by the City of a portion of a proposed two-level parking garage, with three (3) extension options of ten (10) years each.

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 61-2018.

Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 61-2018 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/ FIRST READING

The Clerk announced that Ordinance 1-2019 was being withdrawn.

- 1-2019 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles & Traffic," Section 200-10.2 Residential Parking Permit & Prohibited Parking during certain hours. (Sponsored by Council Member Jamie Summers-Johnson)**

CONSENT AGENDA

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 *1-2019 THROUGH*9-2019

- *1-2019 A resolution re-appointing Ashante S. Connor, a resident of Orange, New Jersey as a second alternate member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey.**
- *2-2019 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to fix the rate of interest to be charged on delinquent taxes and other municipal charges.**
- *3-2019 A resolution authorizing Police Products Corp., 540 Ravine Court, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481 to exchange the parts of a Thompson Sub Machine Gun Model of 1928, Serial Number 3926, and trade in three (3) used Remington 870 12 GA Shotguns, Serial Numbers S132072V, S132058V, and S129835V for five (5) new Remington 4971 PMAX 12 GA Shotguns and a cash outlay of zero dollars (\$0.00).**
- *4-2019 A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract between the City of Orange Township and IBN Construction Corporation,**

49 Hermon Street, Newark, New Jersey 07105 for the demolition of 434 Parkinson Terrace, in the amount not to exceed \$23,970.51.

- *5-2019** A resolution authorizing the appraisal firms of Federal Appraisal, LLC, New Jersey Advisory Group, LLC and Wade Appraisal, LLC to provide real estate appraisal and expert witness testimony for condemnation hearing and litigation. **(postponed until January 15th)**
- *6-2019** A resolution authorizing the Law Firms of Scarinci & Hollenbeck, LLC, Genova Burns, LLC, Michael Armstrong, LLC, Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, Weiner Law Group, Clear Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs, LLC, Connie Bentley McGhee and Post, Polak, Goodsell & Strauchler, P.A. to participate on an as needed basis in the pool of qualified labor counsel on behalf of the City, for a one (1) year period.
- *7-2019** A resolution authorizing the adoption of a current fund and water/sewer utility fund temporary budget appropriations for the beginning of 2019 prior to the adoption of CY2019 budget in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19. **(pulled for separate vote)**
- *8-2019** A resolution rescinding approval of the refund of taxes paid on Block 3002, Lot 2, 136-140 Main Street, for taxes paid from 2015-2018. **(Sponsored by Council Members Kerry Coley and Donna K. Williams)**
- *9-2019** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on January 3, 2019 dated December 28, 2018 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total \$2,788,886.31). **(pulled for separate vote)**

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

(Resolution that were taken off for separate vote)

7-2019 A resolution authorizing the adoption of a current fund and water/sewer utility fund temporary budget appropriations for the beginning of 2019 prior to the adoption of CY2019 budget in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19.

The Clerk read Resolution 7-2019 by Title.

Motion to adopt Resolution 7-2019 as amended by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read Resolution 9-2019 and change by Title.

9-2019 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on January 3, 2019 dated December 28, 2018 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total \$2,788,886.31). New Grand Total \$2,817,145.03

Motion to adopt Resolution 9-2019 as amended by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

On the motion: Councilwoman Williams asked about the closing. The BA stated it was the closing on the garage property next to Colgate Park that the city used the open space fund for. The property will be added to Colgate Park

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Williams congratulated the delegation that went to Washington D.C. and the newly elected from Essex County. She gave her condolences to the Payne family.

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS – None.

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

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Kerry Coley
Council President