

**This was a regular 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, October 16, 2018 immediately 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  
Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large  
Council-president Kerry Coley, East Ward

**Also Present:**

Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk  
Madeline Smith, City Deputy 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  
Margaret Homere, Senior Clerk

**Absent:** None

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 OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**Motion to adopt the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from August 8, 2018 by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilman Jackson.**

**On the Motion:** Councilman Jackson reported that on page 5 he had invited everyone to a Library Board meeting not a rent leveling Board meeting.

**The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

**August 22, 2018- Public Hearing Meeting Minutes.**

**(Council Member Jamie Summers-Johnson cannot vote, because she was not present)**

**Motion to adopt the Public Hearing meeting minutes from August 22, 2018 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jackson.**

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Summers-Johnson

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

The City Clerk reported on the following:

**REPORTS:**

**Clerk’s Office-Month of September 2018- Total: \$67.28**

**CONSTABLE REPORTS**

- **Darnel Brodi- Activity for the month of September-2018- 9/3/2018, 9/10/2018, 9/17/2018 and 9/24/2018 Black Belt Security.**
- **Richard Noizy- Activity for month of September-2018- 9/9/2018 church security, 9/16/2018 monthly meeting and 9/23/2018 church security.**
- **Mohamad Toure-Activity for month of September-2018- None**

- **OPRA REPORTS**

**Month of September 2018- OPRA received 105, 89 completed and 16 pending.**

**Total pending as of September 30, 2018-105**

**Councilwoman Williams asked if the pending were caused by the Clerk’s department or other departments. The Clerk reported that they were caused by other departments. She would have a report at the next meeting listing which departments and who is the requestor of the OPRA.**

**Council Reports:**

**Finance Report:** There was no Finance Committee meeting.

**Planning:** No report.

**A.B.C.** Councilwoman Eason reported the next meeting is November 8, 2018.

- Library:** Councilman Johnson, Jr. stated that he had received a package from the Library. He will review it with the Business Administrator and give a formal report.
- DPW:** Councilwoman Williams reported that DPW had sent out notices regarding the city wide cleanup. The Business Administrator commented that if any resident would like to donate any plants during cleanup day it would be appreciated. Councilwoman Eason also commented that they would need landscapers to donate their time.
- Police:** Director Warren acknowledged the newly promoted Captains. He asked that everyone “like” there Facebook page. He reported on the school that he had visited and the school that had visited the Police department and the Court house. He provided tip cards for the residents, the tip line is manned 24 hours a day and he answered questions by the Council Members.  
Captain Vitiello spoke about the fake news that is reported about the Police department. He reported on real numbers from the Police department such as violent crimes were down 31% since the Police Director took over.
- Fire:** Deputy Chief Long spoke about the presentation that was done at the Orange High School and around colleges year round. He commented on the Fire inspector course which starts November 9<sup>th</sup>. He spoke about the tee shirts for breast cancer campaign. He provided information on other events for students in Orange. He was asked if the Fire Department needed any equipment and he asked that the question be directed to the Fire Director.  
The Business Administrator reported that he and the Director had priced out the cost of fire trucks and capital repairs toward the Fire houses.
- Housing:** Councilwoman Wooten reported on the annual Golf outing and fund raiser for college students.

**The Chair directed the Clerk to file the reports.**

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

The City Clerk reported that there were no communications or petitions.

### **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 commented on the memo he sent to the Council and asked for answers to those questions. He commented that he disagreed with the Police Director providing his reasons why. He spoke about two documents he requested and never received. He spoke about the audit and

wanted to know the status of it. He asked about other documents that he had not received. Commented about the City's outsourcing situation. He spoke about a number of suits he had against the city.

- Ms. Jackson thanked the Business Administrator regarding his response to the air conditions in the chamber. She spoke to the Council President and how he should extend time for residents that speak about taxes, schools in the city, crime, issues and about the library. In some cases, five minutes is not enough time.
- Pastor Stoddart thanked the Police Department for their presence during the Church services on Saturdays. He spoke about putting a parking deck in the area to relieve parking issues for the resident of Reynolds Terrace.
- Mr. Maxime Philemy spoke about parking on Heywood Avenue providing hours that would be helpful to the community.

**Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.**

**The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

The Business Administrator stated that the issues with Heywood Avenue that were brought up by the last speaker will be taken care of by the ordinance that the Council has created. With regard to Pastor Stoddart's concerns there has been a traffic engineer sent to the area and he will be providing a report within the next week. The Business Administrator will then address any issues to correct the parking in that area. He was in favor of a parking deck in that area. The Business Administrator stated that in November a plan will be presented that contains 160 additional parking spaces by the train station. He reported that the air conditioning issue and the PA system in the chambers is being addressed. The Audit report will be issued to his office at the end of the week or Monday of next week. The Business Administrator addressed most questions received from Mr. Feld.

Council President Coley stated that Orange provides the residents with more time to speak than neighboring municipalities.

Councilwoman Williams commented on the need for balance when it comes to a parking plan in a Transit community.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented that she attended the Home coming game and even though they lost she is teaching her students about team spirit. She commented that the Orange recreation football schedule has not been made and she has spent her money in Newark. She provided suggestions of working with East Orange and their recreation department and events. She reported that her community meeting is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> where residents can come and get questions answered and be provided with Orange information. She warned residents to not use her name in news articles or heads-up letters which had been recently done. She spoke about new community watches that had been created.

Councilwoman Williams commented about the Save a Lot that opened in Orange. She also reminded resident that if they see something that is not right they should say something. She also reported that Save a Lot is still hiring and will be hiring locally. She encouraged everyone to vote and reminded everyone that it was the last day to register.

- Councilwoman Wooten reported that she attended the Orange High school Alumni breakfast and what a wonderful time it was. She spoke about the Latino Flag raising ceremony that took place and how inspiring Attorney Montilus speech was. She thanked the Police and Fire departments for their quick response to a situation at the Oakwood Avenue School. She reminded residents to vote.
- Councilwoman Eason thanked the Police Department for the reduced amount of crime in Orange because of their hard work and community activities. She also thanked the Fire Department for all the events they have held for the residents. She spoke about the event where Senator Rice came to speak about Marijuana laws and its effect on communities. She attended the Pink Out for cancer event on Saturday. She reminded residents to go out and vote and please vote for the School Board representatives. She requested that Flag raisings be advertised on the calendar so everyone knows about them. She spoke about the reason for the 5-minute rule and that residents have a ward council person that they can always reach to discuss issues and get answers from. Residents don't have to come to Council meetings to get answers.
- Councilman Jackson spoke about the recreation department and how they can add to their image and the moral of the town, providing example from the past. He spoke about the power of the 1% and why residents should vote. He spoke about the streets of this city are safer than other cities and how he has walked home from Committee meetings. He reported that he had sent a communication to the Essex County representative regarding the fencing around Orange Park and the need for repairs or replacement of the fence and replace trees that need to be replaced with colorful trees like Dogwoods or Cherry trees. He reinforced comments about how residents can contact their Ward representatives at any time.
- Councilman Johnson, Jr. commented about the mayor developments that are taking place in Orange and that positive things are happening.
- Council President Coley reported that the Special Meeting on the Master Plan will be held October 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to Noon. He reported that on October 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a paper shredder behind City Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On October 17<sup>th</sup> there will be an update on the Orange Rec Center at the Municipal Court at 7:00 p.m. NJ Transit is installing the positive train control units so there will be delays on the trains. He reported about events and persons that had visited Bethel Baptist Church this month.
- Business Administrator Hartwyk reported on things that would be happening in November. Survey of roads were done. The city is looking for ways to finance a road way improvement project. It is hopeful that The City will get a 9 million award which will be 75% interest free. The city will be able to do the first 38 roads on its list. There is a multi-year plan to finish all the roads. There will be an introduction of a bond ordinance and a resolution to appoint a financial advisor for the programs. In order to check all the infrastructure of those 38 roads the city is looking into a State Infrastructure bank for a water and sewer loan which is 50% interest free. The Crain St project will be on the November agenda and the project has been rewritten to include a second level to a deck which will give the city 160 parking spaces next to the orange train station which will be financed by the developer. The spaces will be controlled by the city.

The City Clerk moved the agenda.

**ORDINANCES-SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

The Clerk read Ordinance 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).**

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 43-2018.

Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

**Motion to close the public hearing by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilman Jackson. The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

**Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 43-2018 by Councilwoman Williams., seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.**

**On the motion:** Councilwoman Williams commented that East Orange had passed a similar ordinance and she felt it was very helpful to senior citizens.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

The Clerk read Ordinance 44-2018 by Title

**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).**

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 44-2018.

A resident stated that she hoped it would be passed at this point.

Seeing no one else, the Chair declared the time closed.

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

**The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

**Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 44-2018 by Councilwoman Williams., seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.**

**On the motion:** Councilman Johnson asked if this was the final version. He was told that it was.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

The Clerk read Ordinance 45-2018 by Title and then its amendment.

**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).**

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 45-2018.

Seeing no one, the Chair declared the time closed.

**Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.**

**The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

**Motion to adopt as amended Ordinance Number 44-2018 by Councilwoman Wooten., seconded by Councilwoman Williams.**

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

The Clerk read Ordinance 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).**

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 46-2018.

Mr. Feld asked does the ordinance conflict with any other ordinance and will it be enforced.

Seeing no one else, the Chair declared the time closed.

**Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.**

**The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

**Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 46-2018 by Councilman Jackson., seconded by Councilwoman Eason.**

**On the motion:** Councilwoman Williams asked that the Business Administrator speak to Mr. Feld’s comment. The Business Administrator explained that a Council liaison is the eyes and ears which relates to that department. If a director needs to be contacted you have to go through the Business Administrator’s office.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: Wooten  
 Abstain: None.  
 Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

The Clerk read Ordinance 47-2018 by Title and then its amendment.

**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)

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 47-2018.

A resident stated that she hoped it would be passed at this point.

A resident spoke of her concerns about the changes being made. She felt that any rezoning should be part of the Master Plan.

Seeing no one else, the Chair declared the time closed.

**Motion to close the public hearing by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilman Jackson. The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

**Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 44-2018 by Councilwoman Williams., seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**On the motion:** Councilwoman Williams asked the Business Administrator how it fits into the Master Plan. He stated that this was ahead of the Master Plan. This rezoning will stop one family homes from being converted into 2 or 3 family homes.

Councilwoman Eason asked if this ordinance in line with the Master Plan and the Business Administrator stated it was.

Councilman Johnson, Jr. stated that this affects his ward and asked that everyone support the ordinance.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion Carries.**

**ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/ FIRST READING** None



**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 \*300-2018 THROUGH 305\*-2018**

- \*294-2018** A resolution designating Chadwick Capital, LLC as redeveloper in the Lincoln Avenue Redevelopment Area for 595 Lincoln Avenue. POSTPONED FROM 10/2/2018 MEETING (**Withdrawn**)
- \*300-2018** A resolution celebrating the life of Pastor Charles Rejouis and renaming North Essex Avenue beginning at Main Street and ending at White Street as “Pastor Charles Rejouis Way”. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams) (**Withdrawn**)
- \*301-2018** A resolution celebrating the life of Elvin Austin. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- \*302-2018** A resolution authorizing the purchase of six (6) Solar Powered Single Station Trash Compactors from Direct Environmental Corp., 1231 Lafayette Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Bronx, New York 10474 in the amount not to exceed twenty-nine thousand, five hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$29,538.00).
- \*303-2018** A resolution honoring the Family Assistance Resource Center NJ. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- \*304-2018** A resolution celebrating the life of Ralph Wright for his accomplishments in being the First African American male serving as a Head Clerk of a specialist firm on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). (Sponsored by Council Member Adrienne Wooten)
- \*305-2018** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on October 16, 2018 dated October 12, 2018 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$2,285,978.96) (**Removed for a separate vote**)

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

**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)**

The Clerk read Resolution 305-2018 by Title and read the amendments.

**305-2018** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on October 16, 2018 dated October 12, 2018 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$2,285,978.96) (New Total 3,560,000.63)

**Motion to approve Resolution 305-2018 by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Williams.**

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

**NEW BUSINESS None**

**OTHER PENDING BUSINESS**

Councilwoman Williams asked about wiring in the Clerk's Office. The Business Administrator stated that once the leak is fixed they will be able to work on the wiring.

Councilwoman Eason asked the Business Administrator for an update on the awning situation. He stated that it will be addressed once the Master Plan had been accepted.

**Motion to adjourn by Council, seconded by Council.**

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 9:52 P.M.

**Approved:**

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**Joyce L. Lanier**  
City Clerk

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**Kerry J. Coley**  
Council President