

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 TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2018 AT 7:05 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present:

Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilman Christopher Jackson, At-Large
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr., West Ward
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson, South Ward (arrived @ 7:02)
Councilwoman Donna K. Williams, At-Large (arrived @ 7:14)
Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large (arrived @ 7:05)
Council-President Kerry Coley

Also Present:

Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Chris Hartwyk, Business Administrator (BA)
Eric Pennington, City Attorney
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director
Marlin Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk
Lisette Sanchez, Record Support Technician
Marty Mayes, Director of Planning/Public Work (arrived @ 7:05)
Adrian Mapp, Director of Finance (arrived @ 7:02)
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer
Tod Warren, Police Director (arrived @ 7:09)

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 book. Each person signing the book will be allowed to speak for 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 13, 2017 posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

• **Presentation by Janine G. Bauer - Historic Preservation Attorney**

Ms. Janine Bauer introduced herself as the attorney for the Historic Preservation Commission of Orange. Councilwoman Williams asked Ms. Bauer to speak about notices and procedures of the Historic Preservation Commission. She provided information on an ordinance that established the Historic Preservation Commission and some amendments that she had made to the ordinance. She reported on the type of notices that are required and why the notices that were provided by the Commission were correct for the zone that they were used in. Ms. Bauer had met with Mayor Warren and discussed the notices and the requirements. It was decided by herself and the Mayor that a notice would go out with the Tax bills of August 1st. The notice will describe the historic district, what is required to get a permit from the Historic Commission to do work in the Historic District. She provided information on what is covered and what is not covered by the permit. She provided information on how a property is determined to be a historic site. She spoke about the Land Use Law and how lands and property are deemed historic. Attorney Bauer answered questions by the Council members.

- **Plaques presentation.**

Councilwoman Eason presented a Community Service plaque to the owner of Star Tavern for all his many years of support to Orange. Mr. Gary Vayianos, owner of Star Tavern thanked the Council and the residents of Orange. Each Council Member had a kind word or memory about Star Tavern.

Councilwoman invited the owner of the Appalachian Way to present him with a Community Service Award plaque for all they do for the community. Each Council Member had a kind word or memory about the Appalachian Way.

Councilwoman Williams read a resolution that celebrated the achievements of Ms. Jenny Rodriguez on being selected for a scholarship from the National Honor Society. Councilwoman Williams spoke of all her accomplishments. Each Council Member gave Ms. Rodriguez encouraging words and congratulated her on all of her accomplishments.

- **Presentation by Tax Assessor Aaron Wilson regarding Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)**

Mr. Wilson, the City Tax Assessor gave a report on the PILOT programs throughout the city.

He reported that the city will make a quarter of a million more than they did last year. He spoke about an Efficiency program that the city had started. The city will also start a new billing procedure. Councilwoman Williams asked Finance Director Mr. Mapp to provide prior PILOT reports to Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson answered questions from the Council Members. Business Administrator Hartwyk reported that a meeting will be set up in each ward to tell residents about the 5-year abatement program and help them fill out the forms. Mr. Wilson also reported that if a payment on a PILOT is 90 days or more late they can lose the PILOT. The Business Administrator explained the process to the Council.

The Clerk made the following statement:

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 the following items would be pulled from the agenda:

Resolution 178-2018. He also reported that the Council had received a modified bill list with a different resolution number.

City Clerk Lanier reported that Ordinance 15-2018 would be held over until the July 11th.

Councilwoman Eason asked if the road was a County road in Ordinance 20-2018. The Business Administrator stated that it is a County road but the city had the ability to determine parking regulations.

Councilman Jackson asked about the following items:

Ordinance 28-2018 which authorizes the purchase of 113 North Center St. He asked how the amount of the purchase been arrived at. The Business Administrator stated by appraisal and negotiations.

Resolution 173-2018- an application to the Local Finance Board. He asked for the amount of the surpluses.

And what are the revenue needs. The Business Administrator stated that the needs were determined by the introduced budget and the surplus waiver is a request to utilize surplus in order to exceed the Appropriation Cap waiver and balance that with the use of surplus.

Resolutions 174-2018, 175-2018 and 176-2018. He asked Councilwoman Williams how each of the resolutions are in the best interest of moving Orange forward. Councilwoman Williams stated that the resolutions are self-explanatory. They are honoring the services that each individual or their acts have helped the community. She provided some examples for each of the individuals.

Resolution 182-2018, 183-2018 and 184-2018. They relate to litigation. He asked what do they entail. City Attorney Pennington stated they are for various allegations of Police misconduct. The Business

Administrator stated that with regard to 182,183 and 184-2018, the attorney's fees that most of the fees will be reimburse.

188-2018, the bill list, the amended bill list number is different, he asked and was shown the amended areas. Councilman President Coley questioned an item on page two and was told the amount was the last payment for that contract.

Councilman Johnson, Jr. asked about 172-2018 and the process that takes place which was explained by the Business Administrator.

Councilwoman Eason asked about salaries of Police officer training on the bill list and was told it was training for school resource officers.

Councilwoman Williams reported to Mr. Mapp that the salary bill was not attached to the bill list. He reported that they were behind and it would be on the next bill list.

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

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 8:28 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Kerry J. Coley
Council President