

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, MARCH 19, 2019 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

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

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:

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
Mr. Garcia, Legislative Research Officer
Margarette Homere, Senior Clerk

Absent:

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 MEETING MINUTES

Motion to adopt the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from February 19, 2019 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Regular and Conference meeting minutes were approved.

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION 2019

- **Clerk's Office- Month of February: \$21.00**
- **Orange Historic Preservation Commission – Month of February: \$70.00**
- **Department of Community Service- Month of February: \$24,825.00**
- **Department of Planning & Economic Development – Month of January: \$49,154.00**
- **Department of Planning & Economic Development – Month of February: \$53,567.00**

CONSTABLE REPORTS

Richard Noiszy – Month of February 2019 – 02/02/19 Monthly Meeting; 02/10/19 Church Security; and 02/24/19 Church Security.

OPRA REPORTS

Month of February 2019 – 178 received, 147 completed and 31 pending.

The Girl Scouts from St. Matthews AME Church introduced themselves to the Council and sold cookies outside the Council's Chambers.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Police:** Director Warren reported on the luncheon that the Police Department had at St. Matthews AME Church with the clergy to speak on summer activities within the city and PAL.
- Finance:** Councilwoman Williams provided a report on the Finance Committee meeting. The Councilwoman provided information on the ordinances and resolutions that were discussed at the meeting. She provided information on upcoming events.
- Planning:** Councilwoman Eason reported that they are finalizing the renovations on McDonalds. Provided information on upcoming event in Planning Committee.
- A.B.C.** No report.
- Library:** Councilman Johnson, Jr. reported that he did not create a report for the Library meeting he attended but reported that they have a robust trustee’s board. He requested that the residents attend the meetings.
- DPW:** Ms. Gordon reported on the topics of the last meeting. She reported on the parking spaces and snow removal issues.
- Housing:** No report.
- Fire:** Director Douglass reported on the activities and events of the prior two weeks.

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS - None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

The City Deputy 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 his heads up memo that he sends to the Council before every meeting. He commented on new items regarding upcoming court cases. He suggested a number of items that the Council should read regarding new laws. He provided information regarding his attendance at upcoming Council meetings and other court matters. He spoke of other concerns he had.
- Ms. Murphy Wilson spoke about the Corrective Action Plan and her concern about the marijuana resolution.

Motion to Close Citizen Comments by Councilwoman Williams, Seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented on the Sterling Neighborhood Watch was starting back up. Spoke about having more neighborhood watches within the city. She provided information on the upcoming South Ward meeting.
- Councilman Jackson commented that he was looking forward to the budget process. Reminded residents to contact their Ward representative to ask questions and to keep informed.
- Councilwoman Williams recited a poem by Rubby Dee “Calling all Women”
- Councilwoman Wooten reported that there will be a monthly Main Street meeting to talk to businesses. Requested a report from the constables. Provided information on past and current events.

Councilwoman Eason reported that the ribbon cutting for Orange Park would take place the following day.

Councilman Jackson reminded residents to help the seniors in their neighborhood with gardening this spring. Spoke about the importance of being counted during the census in 2020.

ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING – None.

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/ FIRST READING

The Deputy Clerk reported that Ordinances 9, 10, 11, 13 and 14 were being pulled from the agenda.

- 9-2019** An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-38, One Way Streets. (Reynolds Terrace) (Postponed from the March 5, 2019 Meeting) **(Withdrawn)**
- 10-2019** An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-33, Schedule II, No Parking Certain Hours. (Reynolds Terrace) (Postponed from the March 5, 2019 Meeting) **(Withdrawn)**

- 11-2019** An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-32, Schedule I, No Parking. (Reynolds Terrace) (Postponed from the March 5, 2019 Meeting) **(Withdrawn)**

The Deputy Clerk read Ordinance 12-2019 by Title.

- 12-2019** An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, “Vehicles and Parking”, Article II, entitled “Parking” to establish requirements to obtain residential parking permits. (Sponsored by Council Member Kerry J. Coley)

Motion that Ordinance 12-2019 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing be held April 16, 2019 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.

- 13-2019** An ordinance to amend and supplement the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 166, Section 16, entitled Vacancy Decontrol to identify the State of New Jersey Housing and Urban Development Fair Market Rent Guidelines as the standard for vacancy decontrolled rents. **(Withdrawn)**

- 14-2019** An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-38, One Way Streets. (Reynolds Terrace) **(Withdrawn)**

The Deputy Clerk read Ordinance 15-2019 by Title

- 15-2019** 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. (Oxford Street) (Sponsored by Council Member Jamie Summers-Johnson)

Motion that Ordinance 15-2019 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing be held April 16, 2019 by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

The Deputy Clerk read Ordinance 16-2019 by Title

- 16-2019** 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 on Tremont Court. (Sponsored by Council Member Jamie Summers-Johnson)

Motion that Ordinance 16-2019 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing be held April 16, 2019 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Jackson, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson, Williams, Wooten, Coley
Nays: None.
Abstain: Eason (had stepped out)
Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Deputy 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 *88-2019 THROUGH *110-2019

- *88-2019** **A resolution ratifying and authorizing a contract with Granicus for legislative management software commencing January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$9,300.00.**
- *89-2019** A resolution certifying compliance with the directive of the Division of Local Finance, Department of Community Affairs, regarding the Annual Audit for the Calendar Year 2017. **(Removed for separate vote)**
- *90-2019** **A resolution authorizing the issuance of a raffle license to Orange Public Schools, Department of Visual and Performing Arts.**
- *91-2019** **A resolution authorizing the issuance of a raffle license to Orange Public Schools, Department of Visual and Performing Arts.**
- *92-2019** **A resolution celebrating the life, work and achievements of Rodolfo “Rudy” Giordano. (Sponsored by Council Members Tency A. Eason and Adrienne Wooten)**
- *93-2019** **A resolution recognizing March 2019 as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in honor of the late great Donald M. Payne. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)**
- *94-2019** **A resolution authorizing an agreement for professional services with Joseph A. Garcia, Esq. of Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Cappuzzo, PC for legal services from March 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 at a rate of \$150.00 per hour not to exceed \$20,000.00.**

- *95-2019** A resolution honoring Reverend Eyesha Marable for Women’s History Month. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams) **(Removed for separate vote)**
- *96-2019** A resolution honoring Tracy Thompson for Women’s History Month. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- *97-2019** A resolution honoring Trish Morris-Yamba posthumously for Women’s History Month. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- *98-2019** A resolution authorizing the award of a contract to Storage Engine, Inc., One Sheila Drive, Building 6-A, Tinton Falls, N.J. 07724-2658 to provide digitized scanning services of archived files for the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Orange Township, in the amount not to exceed \$25,440.00 from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. **(Removed for separate vote)**
- *99-2019** A resolution appointing Carol Perkins a member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2019 municipal budget process. (Sponsored by Council Member Harold J. Johnson, Jr.)
- *100-2019** A resolution for Emergency Temporary Appropriations #3 to the Calendar Year 2019 Budget. **(Removed for separate vote)**
- *101-2019** A resolution authorizing an emergency agreement for the extension of municipal refuse and recycling collection services to Joseph Smentkowski, Inc. 3 New York Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey 07307 up to an additional ninety day period commencing April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 in the amount not to exceed \$249,729.99.
- *102-2019** A resolution authorizing the award of a contract between the City of Orange Township and Lewis Contracting Group, Inc., 2517 Highway 35, Bldg. P., Suite 202, Manasquan, New Jersey 08736 to provide oil tank remediation at the Washington Street Fire House located at 261 Washington Street in an amount not to exceed \$63,156.50.
- *103-2019** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund Metuchen Savings Bank for an overpayment remitted for Block 3202, Lot 7 a/k/a/ 52 Berwyn Street and Block 3202, Lot 9 a/k/a 42 Berwyn Street in the amount of \$13,503.76.
- *104-2019** A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund Singh, Harbhajan & Gurcharan for duplicate payment remitted for Block 1002, Lot 3 a/k/a 244 Cleveland Street in the amount of \$13,113.79.
- *105-2019** A resolution amending resolution #14-2019 titled “a resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund the overpayment of real estate taxes paid for 2018 and to cancel any future tax billings for the premises known as Block 6702, Lot 17 a/k/a 177 Stirling Drive” to correctly issue the refund of real estate taxes paid to Corelogic.

- *106-2019** A resolution retaining the Law Office of Elizabeth L. Carter as special counsel with regard to various legal matters and litigation regarding the City of Orange Township in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for calendar year 2019.
- *107-2019** A resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with 1st Choice Financial Group LLC and the City of Orange Township for provision of asset management consulting services with regard to the City of Orange Township’s water and sewer infrastructure. **(Removed for separate vote)**
- *108-2019** A resolution in celebration of St. Patrick’s Day and honoring Firefighter Shawn O’Grady as Irishman of the Year. **(Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)**
- *109-2019** A resolution honoring Mildred Hicks Harris posthumously for Women’s History Month. **(Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)**
- *110-2019** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on March 19, 2019 dated March 13, 2019 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$6,941,343.75) **(Removed for separate vote)**
- 111-2019(WO)** A resolution opposing the sale of Recreational Marijuana in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Kerry J. Coley) **(WITHDRAWN)**
- 112-2019(WO)** A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract for emergency medical service in the City of Orange Township with Bell Medical Transport, LLC from April 3, 2019 to April 2, 2020 for the amount of three hundred thirty three thousand, and forty dollars (\$333,440.000) for option #2 with the option to extend the contract for two (2) one (1) year extensions in an amount not to exceed seven hundred thirty three thousand three hundred ten dollars (\$733,310.00)

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda 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 Deputy Clerk read Resolution 89-2019 by Title.

89-2019 A resolution certifying compliance with the directive of the Division of Local Finance, Department of Community Affairs, regarding the Annual Audit for the Calendar Year 2017.

There was a title change to the resolution.

Motion to adopt as amended Resolution 89-2019 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

The Deputy Clerk read the resolution by title.

95-2019 A resolution honoring Reverend Eyesha Marable for Women’s History Month.
(Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)

The City Attorney read a change to one of the paragraphs of the resolution.

Motion to adopt as amended Resolution 95-2019 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 Deputy Clerk read the resolution by title.

100-2019 A resolution for Emergency Temporary Appropriations #3 to the Calendar Year 2019 Budget.

The Deputy Clerk reported the changes to the resolution.

Motion to adopt as amended Resolution 100-2019 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 Deputy Clerk read the resolution by title.

The BA read the changes to the resolution.

107-2019 A resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with 1st Choice Financial Group LLC and the City of Orange Township for provision of asset management consulting services with regard to the City of Orange Township’s water and sewer infrastructure not to exceed \$35,000.

The BA provided information on the changes to the resolution

Motion to adopt as amended Resolution 107-02019 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 Deputy Clerk read the resolution by title.

The Deputy Clerk reported on the amended item in Resolution

110-2019 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on March 19, 2019 dated March 13, 2019 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$6,941,343.75) amended amount \$7, 180, 181, 25.00

Motion to adopt as amended Resolution 107-02019 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.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

There were missing documents for Bell emergency transport resolution a recess was called while the BA went to retrieve documents.

Motion to recess for 5 minutes by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr. The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The BA stated that they will provide the missing document to the Clerk’s Office. The BA provided a summary bid sheet that identified the three bidders and the bid amounts.

The Deputy Clerk read walk-on Resolutions 111-2019 and 112-2019 by title.

111-2019(WO) A resolution opposing the sale of Recreational Marijuana in the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Kerry J. Coley)

112-2019(WO) A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract for emergency medical service in the City of Orange Township with Bell Medical Transport, LLC from April 3, 2019 to April 2, 2020 for the amount of three hundred thirty three thousand, and forty dollars (\$333,440.000) for option #2 with the option to extend the contract for two (2) one (1) year extensions in an amount not to exceed seven hundred thirty three thousand three hundred ten dollars (\$733,310.00)

Motion to approve the walk-on resolutions 111-2019 and 112-2019 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.

The Deputy Clerk asked if anyone would like to speak on these resolutions.

Mr. Jeffrey Feld spoke of his concerns regarding Resolution 111-2019.

He also asked for reasons for the amount changes in Resolution 112-2019.

The City Attorney reported that the original amounts that were on the original resolution 112-2019 were typos from a prior sample resolution.

- Ms. Debra Smalls representing Americare Medical Transport objected to the bid for Bell because Americare submitted a lower bid.
- The BA stated that their bid was rejected because it was not delivered in a sealed package and there were other issues with the bid. Ms. Smalls reported that the bid was delivered to the second floor Law Department and the bid was opened in the Law Department according to the person that delivered the bid and then he was told to go to the fourth floor.
- Mr. Murphy commented about a proposed mistake by the city and were the bid should be delivered.

Motion to close citizen comments by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The Deputy Clerk read the resolution 111-2019 by title.

Motion to adopt Resolution 111-2019 by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

On the motion. Council President Coley decided to withdraw the resolution after Council Members made comments regarding the effect the drugs will have on the children of Orange and wait for the State to pass a law on marijuana before a decision is made in Orange.

Motion to withdraw Resolution 111-2019 by Council President Coley, 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 Deputy Clerk read the resolution by title.

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Motion to adopt Resolution 112-2019 as amended by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

On the motion: Councilwoman Williams asked about the amendment in dollar amounts. Witch the BA answered. Director Douglas reported that the service will be 2 vehicle from 7:00 a.m.to 11:30 p.m. Reduced to one vehicle overnight. A representative from Bell Medical Transport came to the podium and answered questions by Councilwoman Williams.

Councilwoman Wooten reported that she had an emergency at home and left the meeting.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS None.

The Council President reported that there was to be a closed Executive Session.

Motion to have an Executive Session by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

Motion to go into Executive Session by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

The Executive Session ended and the regular meeting resumed.

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

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

Approved:

Madeline Smith
Deputy City Clerk

Kerry Coley
Council President