

THIS WAS A CONFERENCE 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, APRIL 16, 2019 AT 7:10 P.M.

Present:

Councilman Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilman Christopher Jackson, At-Large
Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson., South Ward
Councilwoman Donna K. Williams, At-Large
Council-president Kerry Coley, East Ward

Also Present:

Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
Gracia R. Montilus, City Attorney
Kenneth Douglas, Fire Director
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director (arrived @ 7:12)
Todd Warren, Police Director
Joy Lascari, Chief Financial Officer
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Lisette Sanchez, Records Support Technician

Absent: Harold Johnson, Jr., Adrienne Wooten

The City Clerk asked all to stand for a Moment of Silence.

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.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Plaque Presentation.

Presentation by PSE&G’s Liaison Joe McQueen.

Mr. Joe Laquin, the PSE&G Liaison to the City of Orange introduced himself and updated the Council on the work that is being done in the City of Orange Township. He furthermore, encouraged the Council to reach out to PSE&G and asked if there were any concerns that they should be made aware of. PSE&G has committed \$75,000.00 to the Orange City Hall building and \$32,000.00 to the Orange Fire Station to replace and upgrade equipment which will allow the City to save on energy costs. In addition, PSE&G is looking for a new station in Orange and will come before the Council once they have located a location.

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.

Councilwoman Eason, Ordinance 8-2019 to the Business Administrator; inquired if all amendments have all been made. City Attorney is still working on legal opinion and believes there may be an issue with enforcing the ordinance.

Councilman Jackson questioned Ordinance 19-2019. The Business Administrator advised the City will hold the Finance Agreement until May 7th. The backup will be posted on the City’s website. Regarding

Ordinance 20-2019 he requested an analysis of the budget and what will happen if it is not approved. Director Adrian Mapp advised that there is a statute. There is a 2.5% cap that allows for an increase and further went into detail to explain the reason behind the procedure.

Councilwoman Eason inquired as to status of Crossing Guard uniforms. The Business Administrator advised they need appropriations. Director Mapp advised that the resolution for uniforms did not have to come before the Council for approval. Upon some questions from Councilwoman Williams the Business Administrator said research will be made to determine if contract should be amended.

Councilman Jackson noted that on the Bill List on Pages 6 and 7 there are bills for American Wear uniforms. Councilman Jackson regarding Resolution 135-2019 stated agreement is being rescinded because the tax credits were not given. The Business Administrator advised that street paving will not be done until there is a redevelopment project completed. Councilman Jackson, regarding Resolution 140-2019 141-2019 and 142-2019 wanted summary of cases. The Business Administrator advised that the settlements will be addressed during Executive Session and with regards to Resolution 139-2019, the case is being reassigned to another law firm.

Councilwoman Williams reported that Resolution 127-2019 will be withdrawn and brought back at another meeting.

The Business Administrator reported that Resolution. 134-2019 will be withdrawn. Discussion will be made during reports.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 7:36 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Kerry J. Coley
Council President