

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, APRIL 16, 2019 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

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
Marty Mayes, Public Works, Planning Director
Todd Warren, Police Director
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Lisette Sanchez, Records Support Technician

Absent: Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West Ward, Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large

The Chair leads the residents with a pledge of alliance to the flag.

The Clerk reports:

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

Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2019

Motion to adopt Conference & Regular Meeting minutes by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jackson.

The motion was approved unanimously.

REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION 2019.

City Clerk's Office – Month of March 2019: \$387.50

CONSTABLE REPORTS

- **Mohamad Toure - Month of February 2019 - No activity.**

- **Mohamad Toure - Month of March 2019 - No activity.**
- **Richard Noisy - Month of March 2019 – March 2, 2019 monthly meeting, March 10 and 17, 2019 church security.**
- **Darnell Brodie – Month of February 2019 – No activity.**
- **Darnell Brodie – Month of March 2019 – No activity.**

OPRA REPORTS

Month of March 2019 – 170 received, 162 completed and 8 pending.

COUNCIL REPORTS - Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

Finance: Councilwoman Williams read into the record the April 15, 2019 Minutes. The Business Administrator advised budget was not able to be introduced. Draft budget is over cap and must be reviewed with council and budget department directors. Jackson read into the record the email sent regarding the budget. The Business Administrator advised that EMS contract will impact the budget of the Fire Department and will provide more information during closed session. On-line payment modular is being tested. The Business Administrator informed the Council about the fee that will be charged.

An Execution Session proposed for April 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Regarding HPC Resolution 134-2019 the Business Administrator advised since the Orange Historic Preservation Commission approved the resolution it can be placed on Edmonds and the bills can be processed once the backup is presented. Regarding Resolution 136-2019 the Business Administrator advised all information will be placed on the website. Councilwoman Williams reported on agenda items that were approved or questioned at the Finance meeting.

Planning: Councilwoman Eason reported that a Planning meeting will be held next week. Coley asked Councilwoman Eason when McDonalds’ anticipates completion of renovation. Councilwoman Eason advised no date is now available.

Library: No report.

Housing: Councilwoman Williams reported they would be delivering their yearly report. She suggested that reports be presented during first meeting in May by the Orange Development Corp and Housing Authority.

ABC: Councilwoman Eason advised there was a meeting last week and they have a new member.

DPW: Ms. Kaitlin gave an update of pending matters. She provided the Clerk’s office with minutes. Councilwoman Williams City Wide Clean up with the City of East Orange for June 1st.

Police: Director Warren appeared for the Police Department reported on the PAL football team.

Fire: No report.

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. Jeffrey Feld spoke about the memo he sent to the Council. Spoke about a Judge's opinion about liberty of various people. He was concerned about the lack of a budget for 2019. He spoke about Council meeting appearing on You Tube. He questioned why residents were paying for the Black Chamber of Congress membership for Councilwoman Williams and other issues.

Motion by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to close the citizen comments.

The Motion was unanimously approved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilwoman Summers-Johnson expressed her sincere condolences for the passing of Councilwoman Wooten's son. She reported that on 05/04/19 on Haywood Avenue there will be a fundraiser the Color Run at 10 a.m. There will be a Community Meeting on April 25th at our Lady of the Valley Church.
- Councilwoman Williams asked the Business Administrator to make arrangements for the Citizen Advisory members to meet at the court and will provide the City Clerk's Office with the information. She spoke about the parking permits with the Business Administrator. Councilwoman Williams confirmed the African Chamber of Commerce is for the entire City not her alone. Business Administrator advised that there is only one Medicaid eligible mental health facility which is located in Newark.
- Councilwoman Eason on April 28th there will be an Education Day and invited all to her church. Requested Mr. Townes prepared some legislation regarding employees who work on Main Street. Employees should not be parking on Main Street. The Business Administrator advised it is going to be part of the comprehensive parking on Main Street. She requested instructional soccer programs be available at College Park.
- Councilman Jackson Orange Board of Education meeting on April 9th and they presented their budget. They will be doing a presentation before the Council. Directed anyone who is interested to go to the website New Jersey Department of Taxpayers Guide to Education to see what Orange is paying per student and they can also compare to other Cities. He reported on events he attended.
- Council President Coley requested that the Essex County spring events be posted on the website. He requested that anyone who has not filled out their FDS to do so. Asked about a visiting nurse service for seniors. The Business Administrator would get back to him. He reported on the shredding events in the City.

ORDINANCES-SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

The Clerk read the ordinance by title.

8-2019 An ordinance to amend and supplement the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 71, to require security cameras in senior citizen buildings. (Sponsored by Council Members Tency A. Eason and Kerry J. Coley)

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 8-2019.

Mr. Jeffrey Feld wanted to know what are the changes from 1st to 2nd reading. The Business Administrator advised items underlined is new language.

Motion to close citizen comments by Councilwoman Eason seconded by Councilwoman Williams. The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 8-2019 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Johnson, Jr, Wooten

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read the ordinance 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)

The Clerk reported that the Citizen’s Comments would be open. The Ordinance will be amended and the seconded citizen’s comment will be held on May 7th. She asked if any citizens which to speak.

Seeing no one they continued to Ordinance 15-2019.

The Clerk read the ordinance 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)

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 15-2019.

Seeing no one the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion to close citizen comments by Councilwoman Williams seconded by Councilwoman Eason. The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 15-2019 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Johnson, Jr, Wooten

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read the ordinance 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)

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 16-2019.

Seeing no one the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion to close citizen comments by Councilwoman Williams seconded by Councilwoman Eason. The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 16-2019 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Johnson, Jr, Wooten

Motion Carries.

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

The Clerk reported that the ordinance had been postponed until the May 7th meeting. Then read the ordinance by title.

19-2019 An ordinance of the City of Orange Township to approve a tax exemption for a thirty (30) year period and to authorize the thirty (30) year exemption and authorizing the execution of a financial agreement between the City and FTGRE 205 Mt. Vernon Urban Renewal, LLC.

The Clerk read the ordinance by title.

20-2019 An ordinance to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits and to establish a cap bank in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 for the calendar year 2019.

Motion that Ordinance 20-2019 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held on May 21, 2019 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Johnson, Jr, Wooten

Motion Carries.

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 *127-2019 THROUGH *151-2019

***127-2019 A resolution honoring Michael Fryer for his service at the Orange Housing Authority. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams) (Withdrawn)**

- *128-2019** A resolution celebrating the life of Councilwoman Sandra Jones. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- *129-2019** A resolution celebrating the life of George Grey. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- *130-2019** 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)
- *131-2019** A resolution appointing Nicole Wigfall as a member of the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for calendar year 2019 municipal budget process. (Sponsored by Council Member Jamie Summers-Johnson)
- *132-2019** A resolution appointing Derrick Henry as a member of the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for calendar year 2019 municipal budget process. (Sponsored by Council Member Christopher G. Jackson)
- *133-2019** A resolution appointing Hamza S. Agwedicham as a member of the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for calendar year 2019 municipal budget process. (Sponsored by Council Member Christopher G. Jackson)
- *134-2019** A resolution authorizing the award of a professional service contract to Szaferman Lakind, P.C. to provide legal counseling to the Orange Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Orange Township in matters as they relate to the Historic Preservation Commission in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. (**Withdrawn**)
- *135-2019** A resolution rescinding Resolution #161-2017 adopted April 25, 2017 authorizing a redevelopment agreement between the City of Orange Township and Reock Urban Renewal, LLC.
- *136-2019** A resolution authorizing the execution of a redevelopment agreement between the City and FTGRE 205 Mount Vernon Urban Renewal, LLC for the undertaking of a redevelopment project to be located at 205 Mt. Vernon Avenue.
- *137-2019** A resolution authorizing the application for the Governor’s Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Grant under the 2020 Municipal Alliance Grant for prevention and awareness education programs in the City of Orange Township.
- *138-2019** A resolution authorizing an addendum to Resolution #314-2018 to Lewis Consulting Group, Inc., 2517 Highway 35, Bldg. P, Suite 202, Manasquan, New Jersey 08736 to provide additional licensed site remediation services for the property located at 113 North Center Street (Block 32002, Lot #18) in an amount not to exceed \$6,846.00.
- *139-2019** A resolution retaining the law firm of Lamb Kretzer, LLC, to represent the City of Orange Township in the matters of Richard Sawnwick v. The City of Orange Township, Shantal Athill v. City of Orange Township, Ruben Padilla v. City of

Orange Township, Leo Barsanti v. City of Orange Township, Guy Devincentis v. City of Orange Township, Litasha Worthen-Barnes v. City of Orange Township, Melissa Young v. City of Orange Township, April Kovach v. City of Orange Township, Linda Ciavatta v. City of Orange Township, Anthony Holmes v. City of Orange Township, TaQuisha Knight v. City of Orange Township, Paul Arthur v. City of Orange Township, Johnny Harris v. City of Orange Township, James Petrucelli v. City of Orange Township, Antony Antonucci v. City of Orange Township, Litasha Worthen-Barnes v. City of Orange Township, Johnny Harris v. City of Orange Township and Clifford Scott v. City of Orange Township in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for calendar year 2019.

- *140-2019 A resolution authorizing the services of Michael A. Armstrong & Associates to represent Sgt. Aydil Olivera and Detective Brian Mooney in the matter “Kyana Pulyado v. Township of Orange, et al.” in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.**
- *141-2019 A resolution authorizing the services of David C. Stanziale, LLC to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, Ian Betz v. City of Orange Township, et al., in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.**
- *142-2019 A resolution authorizing the services of David C. Stanziale, LLC., to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter, Steven Campione and Amy Campione v. City of Orange Township, et al. in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for calendar year 2019.**
- *143-2019 A resolution authorizing the retention of Jeanette Calderon-Arnold, Esq. to serve as tax counsel for the City of Orange Township, in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for calendar year 2019.**
- *144-2019 A resolution celebrating the life of Dr. Derrick Nelson. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Donna K. Williams)**
- *145-2019 A resolution approving the settlement in the matter of Alliah Kolubah v. City of Orange Township, et al. in the amount of \$15,000.00.**
- *146-2019 A resolution authorizing the purchase of parking enforcement uniforms from American Wear, Inc., 261 North 18th Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07018 for four (4) parking enforcement officers in an amount not to exceed \$1,572.80.**
- *147-2019 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on April 16, 2019 dated April 11, 2019 and approving the checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$4,290,857.71)**
- *148-2019 A resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$3,000,000 of tax anticipation notes of 2019 of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey.**

- *149-2019** A resolution appointing Thomas Boran a member to the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for calendar year 2019 municipal budget process. (Sponsored by Council Member Harold J. Johnson, Jr.)
- *150-2019** A resolution to approve the corrective action plan for the calendar year 2017.
- *151-2019** A resolution authorizing a contract with Enterprise FM Trust, 1550 Route 23 North, Suite 101, Wayne, New Jersey 07470 to lease vehicles in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) over a term of three (3) years from April 17, 2019 to December 31, 2021.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS None.

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS None.

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

APPROVED:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Kerry J. Coley
Council President