

THIS IS 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 2, 2019 AT 7:01 P.M.

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
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator (arrived @ 7:08)
Gracia R. Montilus, Acting City Attorney
Deputy Chief Long, representing the Fire Director
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director (arrived @ 8:44)
Marty Mayes, Planning and Public Works Director (arrived @ 7:08)
Capt. Vitiello, representing the Police Director
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Lisette Sanchez, Records Support Technician

Absent: None.

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

***SPECIAL NOTICE:* Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall sign one (1) book. Each person signing the book will be allowed to speak for a maximum of five (5) minutes.**

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 Presentations.

Plaque presentation for Rodolfo Rudy Giordano was presented by Councilwoman Wooten and Councilwoman Eason. Mr. Giordano is the Animal Control Officer for the City of Orange and was presented the plaque to honor him for his dedication to the city.

Rudy thanked the Council for the honor. Council Members gave their praise of his work and dedication.

Plaque presentation for Mr. Sean O’Grady presented by Councilwoman Williams.

Councilwoman Williams read the resolution celebrating St. Patrick’s Day and honoring Fire Fighter Sean O’Grady as Irishman of the year. Mr. O’Grady thanked the Council Members.

The Council President stated that the Council Members would be going into Closed Session for 15 minutes.

Motion to have an Executive Session Resolution 112B-2019 to discuss litigation by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilman Jackson.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent none.

Motion Carries.

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

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Carries.

Motion to reconvene the Conference Meeting by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Johnson, Jr.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The Conference session reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

Update on Recreation Programs and Calendar presented by Director Wendy Sykes and Keith Pressey.

Director Sykes of Community Services spoke about the summer events in the city of Orange. Ms. Sykes provided the Council Members with schedules and information on the upcoming events. She reported on the Division of Health, Recreation, the City Health Department, the Senior Health program, the Orange Community Day and the Farmers Market in the city.

Mr. Pressey continued to speak on the summer programs. He reported on events for Orange students throughout the summer and educational studies for students in High School and preparing for college.

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.

- Clerk Lanier reported on amended items that were given to Council Members for the agenda.
- Councilwoman Williams questioned Ordinance 17-2019 and the number of signatures on the petition. It was reported that there were more pages to the petition that were available.
- Councilwoman Eason questioned regulations on Washington St and the parking hours they want to set. The Council President reported that the street cleanings were considered in the decision and the hours set, they would allow for street cleaning activity. It was determined to state in the ordinance the exact locations using street names. The corrections will be made by the second reading.
- Councilwoman Eason stated that Ordinance 8-2019 was not discussed with her by the City Attorney when there were concerns about the ordinance. The City Attorney stated that the concerns were discussed at the last Council Meeting. Councilwoman Eason suggested that the ordinance be passed and then see if it is challenged. The Council President agreed.

- The City Attorney spoke about some of the conditions that were concerning the Law Department. Councilwoman Eason stated that she should have been contacted with his concerns before the second reading. It was determined to have the public hearing and leave the public hearing open and then that decision would be voted on at the second meeting.
- Councilwoman Williams decided to remove Resolution 115-2019 because of modification on it.
- The City Clerk reported that there would be one walk-on Resolution 126-2019.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Eason, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 8:31 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Kerry J. Coley
Council President