

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 2, 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:

Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk
Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator
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
Capt. Vitiello, representing the Police Director
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer
Lisette Sanchez, Records Support Technician

Absent: None.

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 – February 5, 2019

Motion to adopt the Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilman Jackson.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION 2019 – None.

CONSTABLE REPORTS – None.**OPRA REPORTS – None.****COUNCIL REPORTS -**

- Finance: Councilwoman Williams read into the record the Finance Committee minutes. The City Clerk spoke about FDS. BA Hartwyk advised on the importance of FDS.
- Library: Councilman Johnson, Jr. spoke about library week and other events such as the international food festival.
- Housing: no update.
- DPW: received date from East Orange for Citywide Cleanup – June 1st.
- Police Dept.: Capt. Vitiello – provided the council with security awareness presentation. Food pantries participation. On April 8th 20th is the anniversary of Joyce Carnegie day. Crime is going down 39% from last year same time.
- Fire Dept: Deputy Chief Long congratulated Rudy Giordano and Patrick O’Grady. He reported on the Fire on 198 South Center Street. There are 18 recruits in the academy. There is standardized training for captains. Councilwoman Eason commended the Fire Dept. for prompt responses. Starting July 1st new fire alarm system requires 10 year battery life. Councilwoman Williams requested update on fire. Council President Coley inquired about the silver tags on fire hydrants. The BA advised they are tags being identified by Seuz.

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.**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 discussed court hearing decision regarding OPRA. Provided heads up regarding legal opinions in regards to OPRA.
- Mr. Gary Garcia cab driver in the City of Orange requested that the Council consider taxi stand spots.

Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

The Motion was unanimously approved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilwoman Summers-Johnson acknowledged Autism Month. She reported that Leo Jean Baptist has been given a scholarship from Amazon for \$10,000 a year.

- Councilwoman Williams's reported on the Justice Complex a public forum on April 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. She also commented on taxi stand changes to consider.
- Councilwoman Wooten spoke about Zumba and Skate Park in Orange. Congratulated students being accepted into higher education schools.
- Councilwoman Eason requested the community support the play Guys & Dolls. She commented that 351 Alden St should be boarded up.
- Councilman Jackson spoke about Zumba class attended by wife and sister-in-law.
- Councilman Johnson requested the community to support the Guys and Dolls play.
- Council President Coley announced shredding event by Dept. of Public Works and the Health Wellness fair. He requested that the house on Oakwood Avenue door be secured.

ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

The Clerk read Ordinance 8-2019 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. Feld commented that the amendment should be published in the newspaper.

Citizen's Comments will be open until next meeting for amendments.

City Clerk read amendments into the record

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

The Clerk read Ordinance 17-2019 by Title.

**17-2019 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. (Washington Street)
Amended to add the street**

Motion that amended Ordinance 17-2019 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing be held May 7, 2019 by Councilwoman Williams, 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 Clerk read Ordinance 18-2019 by Title

18-2019 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (196 Oakwood Place)

Motion that amended Ordinance 17-2019 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing be held May 7, 2019 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

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 *113-2019 THROUGH *125-2019

- *113-2019** A resolution establishing Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) for the 2019 annual municipal budget process.
- *114-2019** A resolution celebrating the accomplishments of Curtis Mark. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- *115-2019** A resolution celebrating the accomplishments of Kahzin Daniels. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams) (**Withdrawn**)
- *116-2019** A resolution appointing Dawan Alford as a member of the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2019 municipal budget process. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams. (**Amended**))
- *117-2019** A resolution appointing Douglas Burris as a member of the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee for Calendar Year 2019 municipal budget process. (Sponsored by Council Member Kerry J. Coley) (**Amended**)
- *118-2019** A resolution celebrating the life of Dennis P. Bibby, Jr. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Donna K. Williams) (**Amended**)
- *119-2019** A resolution qualifying a pool of special counsel to provide legislative research officer services. (**Amended**)
- *120-2019** A resolution amending resolution 54-2019 awarding professional services contract for special counsel to provide legislative research officer services from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 and ratifying the contract. (**Amended**)
- *121-2019** A resolution designating Pierson Street beginning at Hickory Street and ending at South Center Street as Reverend James Wesley Holcomb, Jr. – In Memoriam. (Sponsored by Council Member Adrienne Wooten and the Orange Municipal Council)
- *122-2019** A resolution adopting Chapter 78 Retirement Health Benefits Contribution rate and schedule.

- *123-2019** A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 – final to modify the contract for the furnishing and installation of a gas steam boiler at Central Firehouse Headquarters in an amount not to exceed \$2,402.40.
- *124-2019** A resolution authorizing Bright View Engineering, LLC, 5 Pitcairn Drive, Roseland, New Jersey 07068 to provide professional engineering traffic signal inventory services in an amount not to exceed \$14,950.00.
- *125-2019** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on April 2, 2019 dated March 27, 2019 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$2,547,264.35) (Amended)

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda 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.

Items removed from consent agenda:

- 121-2019** A resolution designating Pierson Street beginning at Hickory Street and ending at South Center Street as Reverend James Wesley Holcomb, Jr. – In Memoriam. (Sponsored by Council Member Adrienne Wooten and the Orange Municipal Council)

Motion to adopt resolution 121-2019 by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.

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

The Clerk reported that Resolution 126- 2019 (WO) is being considered for walk on. She read the resolution by title.

- 126-2019(WO) A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MAYOR KENNETH A. GIBSON. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Donna K. Williams)**

Motion to walk this item on the agenda by Councilwoman Wooten, 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 Clerk asked if anyone would like to comment on the walk on item.

**Motion to close Citizens comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilman Jackson.
The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

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

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 9:47 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Kerry Coley
Council President