

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, MAY 7, 2019 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

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

Roll Call:

Present:

Councilman Tency A. Eason, North Ward
Councilman Christopher Jackson, At-Large
Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr. West 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
Marty Mayes, Planning and Public Works Director
Adrian Mapp, Finance Director
Capt. Vitiello, Representing the Police Director
Capt. Padilla, Representing the Fire Director
Ken Goodman, Legislative Research Officer
Lisette Sanchez, Records Support Technician

Absent: Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson., South Ward

The Clerk reported that 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 None.

City Clerk read into the record the monthly revenues collection and constable report.

REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION 2019.

- **City Clerk’s Office- Month of April 2019: \$497.75**
- **Orange Historic Preservation Commission – Month of April 2019: \$420.00**
- **Department of Community Service – Month of April 2019: \$17,576.00**

CONSTABLE REPORTS

- **Richard Noisy - Month of April 2019 – April 7, 2019 monthly meeting, April 14, 21, and 28, 2019 church security.**

OPRA REPORTS – None.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Finance:** Councilwoman Williams read into the record the Finance Committee Minutes.
- DPW:** Director Marty Mayes advised status of Hilliard fire and advised that the owner wants to rebuild his property. Director Mayes stated that the Construction Official makes the call if a property is unsafe. The Business Administrator spoke about cooperative sharing regarding the Municipal court. Will report back when he has more information. He reported EMS had spoken in the Urban Community meeting the problems the municipalities are having. Discussions are being held with the County and hospitals. The Business Administrator commented he does not have information regarding grants. The Business Administrator reported they are compiling a report identifying all handicap parking spots in the City private and public. Reviewing signage on parking signs since they are inconsistent and having old signage removed. The Business Administrator asked Director Mayes to speak on Resolution 156-2019 and to advise the citizens of the notification purposes on roadway improvements. Director Mayes advised that a notification will be given a day or two before the construction. A specific schedule will be prepared at the pre-construction meeting. A copy will be provided for the Clerk's Office. Regarding street repair the original loan was \$10 million the reduction is from soft cost. Thirty one - (31) streets will be worked on.
- Planning:** No report.
- ABC:** No report.
- Library:** Councilman Johnson, Jr. acknowledged Mr. McKnight as present and that he had been elected as President of the Library Board. Their next meeting will be Thursday, May 9th. Councilwoman Williams inquired about upcoming events at the library.
- Admin:** Business Administrator Hartwyk reported the city closed on the acquisition of Bank of America, Rossi property and the transfer of Bank of America property to Rossi. The next stage will be Main Street and the selection of a redeveloper. The closing was accomplished by the notes authorized by the Council. Funds will be reimbursed to the City.
- Councilwoman Eason requested the Business Administrator provide an update of the Master Plan. He reported it was adopted by the Planning Board and has been forwarded to the website. The next step is for the City Attorney and Redevelopment Counsel to come before Council within the next 60 days. Councilman Johnson, Jr. wants to know if it will take another 10 years to revisit a Master Plan.
- Councilman Jackson commented that the reconstruction of Orange must be in compliance with the Master Plan. Business Administrator Hartwyk confirmed that any plans coming forward to the Planning Board must be in compliance with the Master Plan.
- Police Dept.:** Capt. Vinny Vitiello read to the Council the synopsis the Mayor sent on April 25. Provided a report on the Police Department.
- Fire Dept.:** Capt. Elvin Padilla provided a service report on the Hydrant check and Identifying vacant properties. The Business Administrator requested a list of all properties vacant and abandoned. Councilwoman Captain Padilla reported on the Lincoln Avenue fire.
- Housing:** No report.

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 advised Council that he provided a heads up memo dated May 6, 2019 to the Council. Wants to know how the public can trace the money on the March 29, 2019 Bank of America/Rossi closing.
- Rev. Stouder reported on the services the church provides to the community and provided flyers to the Council.
- Ms. Ivy Brown appeared on behalf of Hair So Fab, 278 Main Street. She would like to help 75 students of Orange and would like to give discounts to other students.

Motion to close Citizens Comments by Councilwoman Wooten, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilwoman Eason requested the Business Administrator help crossing guards get clothing before adopting budget. Requested banners be used to advise citizens of events that are up coming. Requested the Business Administrator involve all council members when considering shared services.
- Councilman Jackson reiterated the need to have informative signs for the citizens but not plastic which is non-degradable. Sent condolences to Mr. Griffa's family. He spoke about the Master Plan, which he referred to as the reconstruction of Orange.
- Councilman Johnson sent condolences to Mr. Griffa's family and spoke about a West Ward resident Maria who is in Kessler Institute.
- Councilwoman Williams wants to know if Health Department is addressing the Legionnaire's disease and measles. Sent condolences to Mr. Griffa's family. Requested that the Police Department provide the council with summer community initiatives. NJ Transit advised there will be another disruption by NJ Transit. The Business Administrator advised a notification of NJ Transit disruption will be given.
- Councilwoman Wooten announced City of Orange community day is on May 18th 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. Read a statement thanking everyone for support during the loss of her son.
- Council President Coley announced late night registration is on May 14th.

ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

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) (POSTPONED FROM THE 04/16/2019 REGULAR MEETING)
(POSTPONED)

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)

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 17-2019.

Seeing no one else, the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Wooten, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 12-2019 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

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)

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 18-2019.

Seeing no one else, the Chair declared the time closed.

Motion to close the public hearing by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance Number 18-2019 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

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. (POSTPONED FROM THE 04/16/2019 REGULAR MEETING)
(POSTPONED TILL THE 21ST)

The clerk read the ordinance by title.

21-2019 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 (192 Park Place)

Motion that Ordinance 21-2019 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held Wednesday, June 5, 2019 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read the ordinance by title.

22-2019 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled ‘Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-44 Bus Stops Designated (North Day Street & White Street).

Motion that Ordinance 22-2019 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held Wednesday, June 5, 2019 by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson

Motion Carries.

The Clerk read the ordinance by title.

23-2019 An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 200-46, Schedule XV, Prohibited Turns at Intersections.

Motion that Ordinance 23-2019 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held Wednesday, June 5, 2019 by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson

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 *153-2019 THROUGH *164-2019

- *153-2019** A resolution appointing Christopher Wells as a member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for calendar year 2019 municipal budget process. (Sponsored by Council Member Tency A. Eason)
- *154-2019** A resolution appointing Sabriya Williams as a member to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for calendar year 2019 municipal budget process. (Sponsored by Council Member Tency A. Eason)
- *155-2019** A resolution authorizing the acceptance of New Jersey Department of Transportation Grant Funds for the City of Orange Township for 2019 various streets project.
- *156-2019** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the NJIB '18 Roadway Improvements to the various streets within the City of Orange Township to Cifelli & Son General Construction, 4 Coppola Street, Nutley, New Jersey 07110 in an amount not to exceed \$9,229,754.25.
- *157-2019** A resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1-Final from Spohn Ranch, Inc. for a decrease to the project known as the Colgate Park Skate Park Phase I to adjust the contract quantities to meet final as-built conditions in the amount of \$20,300.00.
- *158-2019** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract between the City of Orange Township & I.B.N. Construction Corporation, 49 Hermon Street, Newark, New Jersey for the demolition of 198 South Center Street, Orange, New Jersey in the amount not to exceed \$25,123.00.
- *159-2019** A resolution in celebration of Cinco de Mayo and honoring Gloria Rodriguez. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- *160-2019** A resolution celebrating the accomplishments of Kahzin Daniels. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- *161-2019** A resolution in celebration of Mother's Day and honoring Iyasokoya Karade. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- *162-2019** A resolution authorizing the issuance of a raffle license to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.
- *163-2019** A resolution authorizing reimbursement of raffle license fees to the Orange Public Schools.
- *164-2019** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on May 7, 2019 dated May 1, 2019 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95 (Grand Total: \$6,618,929.32).

***165-2019 A resolution appointing Council Member Donna K. Williams to the Board of the East Orange/Orange Community Development Corporation.**

166-2019(w) A resolution celebrating the life of Arthur James William Griffa (Sponsored by Councilman Harold J. Johnson, Jr. and the City Council.)

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson

Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

The Clerk read the resolution by title.

166-2019(w) A resolution celebrating the life of Arthur James William Griffa (Sponsored by Councilman Harold J. Johnson, Jr. and the City Council.)

Motion to walk-on Resolution 166-2019(WO) by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilman Jackson.

On the Motion: Council Members spoke about Mr. Griffa and what he meant to them and the community.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson

Motion Carries.

The Clerk asked if any citizen would like to comment on this walk-on.

Seeing no one the Chair declared the time closed.

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

The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt Resolution 166-2019(WO) by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Summers-Johnson

Motion Carries.

OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

Councilwoman Wooten reported on the Battle of the oranges and on Saturday. Orange vs. East Orange football.

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

By consensus the regular meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Kerry Coley
Council President