

**MINUTES CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP  
NEW JERSEY**

**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, JUNE 18, 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 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 Digger, representing Fire Director  
Captain Vitello, representing Police Director  
Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector  
Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer  
Lisette Sanchez, Records Support Technician

**Absent:**

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**

May 7 2019 – Conference and Regular Meeting Minutes  
*(Council Member Jamie Summers-Johnson cannot vote because she was not present)*

**Motion to adopt the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from May 7, 2019 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion Carries.**

June 8, 2019 – Special Meeting Minutes – Budget Hearing  
(Council Member Jamie Summers-Johnson cannot vote because she was not present)

**Motion to adopt the Conference and Regular meeting minutes from June 8, 2019 by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Williams.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion Carries.**

**REPORTS:**

**DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION MAY 2019.**

- **City Clerk’s Office – Month of May 2019: \$653.80**
- **Orange Historic Preservation Commission – Month of May 2019: \$70.00**

**CONSTABLE REPORTS**

**Richard Noizy - Month of May 2019 - 05/04/19 monthly meeting, 05/05/19, 05/12/19 and 05/19/19 church security.**

**OPRA REPORTS**

**Month of May 2019 – 146 requests received, 115 completed and 31 pending.**

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

- Finance:** The Council President polled the Council Members to accept the Finance Committee minutes. Council members unanimously approved.
- Planning:** Councilwoman Eason reported their meeting was next week.
- ABC:** No report.
- Library:** No report. The Business Administrator advised there will be amended bill list to include library payments for 2012 and 2013 audits and the historic preservation.
- Public Works:** Ms. Gordon advised that they meet on 05/20/19 and 06/11/19 and submitted minutes to the Council.
- Police:** Capt. Vitiello advised that the department closed an investigation with other agencies, wherein drugs being supplied to Orange had ceased and arrests were made. He further advised that soon there are going to be walking posts and bikes at the train station.
- Fire:** No reports.

**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.

- Jeffrey Feld advised he delivered a heads up memo regarding the agenda. He mentioned the two million people protesting in Hong Kong and an OPRA request due from the beginning of the year.
- Abina Jones Montgomery came before the Council to talk about the Medicare benefits for the retiree’s reimbursement. Wanted to know if money was put in the budget to pay same. Business Administrator advised that money is in the introduced budget and the retirees’ s Medicare is fully funded.
- Dr. Joseph Juliano thanked the Council for acknowledging his 38 years of service with the Fire Department.

**Motion to close Citizen Comments by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**The Motion was unanimously approved.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Summers-Johnson congratulated all the Orange High school graduates.

Councilwoman Wooten thanked everyone who participated in the Orange community baby shower. She also spoke about other events that she attended in Orange.

Councilwoman Williams advised that Governor Murphy will be attending the Church of the Oranges A Seventh-Day Adventist Congregation at 6 p.m. for Juneteenth Celebration 2019.

Councilwoman Eason announced the annual awards banquet for Orange High School students.

Councilman Johnson, Jr. thanked the CBAC for their assistance with the 2019 Budget.

**ORDINANCES–SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

The Clerk read Ordinance 19-2019 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. (POSTPONED FROM THE 04/16/19 AND 05/07/19 REGULAR MEETINGS)**

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 19-2019.

- Mr. Jeffrey Feld made several comments on the drafting of the tax exemptions and made some suggestions.

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 19-2019 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Summers-Johnson

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

The Clerk read Ordinance 24-2019 by Title.

**24-2019 A refunding bond ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$1,565,000 aggregate principal amount of refunding bonds and/or refunding notes by the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, for the purpose of funding an emergency temporary appropriation for legal judgments.**

The Chair declared the time open for a hearing on Ordinance Number 24-2019.

- Business Administrator Hartwyk advised that the public hearing must stay open.
- Mr. Jeffrey Feld advised that this is to settle two settlements. \$1,250,000 settlement involving Police Lieutenant Deborah Upchurch. The second is total disability for a workers' compensation case for a Fire Chief.

**ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**

**The Clerk reported that Ordinance 26-2019 is postponed until the July Council meeting.**

**26-2019 An ordinance rescinding Ordinance No. 25-2017 and terminating the approval of a tax exemption for a thirty (30) year period and terminating the authorization of an executed financial agreement between the City and Walter G. Alexander Village IV Urban Renewal LLC. (POSTPONED FROM THE 06/05/19 REGULAR MEETING)**

The Clerk read the ordinance by title. The Clerk read the amended items.

- 31-2019 An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, "Vehicles and Parking", Article II, entitled "Parking" to further regulate overnight parking of commercial vehicles. (Sponsored by Council Member Kerry J. Coley)**

**Motion that amended Ordinance 31-2019 be introduced on first reading and that the public hearing would be held July 16, 2019 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Eason.**

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

**The Clerk reported that currently the final reading is July 16, 2019, if any changes occur they will be published in the newspaper.**

**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.

- \*182-2019** A resolution rescinding resolution 160-2017 adopted April 25, 2017 authorizing a redevelopment agreement between the City of Orange Township, the Housing Authority for the City of Orange, and the Orange Housing Redevelopment Corporation. (POSTPONED FROM THE 05/21/19 AND 06/05/19 REGULAR MEETINGS)  
**(Postponed to the 7/16/19 meeting)**
- \*184-2019** A resolution to enter into contact with Mr. Justice Rountree of 360 Poetry Night for spoken word hosting and presentation services in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00. (POSTPONED FROM THE 05/21/19 AND 06/05/19 REGULAR MEETINGS) **(Separate vote)**

**RESOLUTION NUMBERS \*209-2019 THROUGH \*217-2019**

- \*209-2019** A resolution re-appointing Betty McLeod, a resident of Orange, New Jersey, as a commissioner member to the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey for a term of five (5) years. (Sponsored by Council Member Kerry J. Coley) **(Separate vote)**
- \*210-2019** A resolution celebrating the 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary of First Shiloh Baptist Church. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- \*211-2019** A resolution celebrating the life of Christopher Morgan. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)

- \*212-2019** A resolution honoring Dr. Joseph M. Juliano for his service at the Orange Fire Department. (Sponsored by Council Member Kerry J. Coley)
- \*213-2019** A resolution recognizing LGBTQ Pride Month. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- \*214-2019** A resolution denouncing the development of youth detention centers and supporting Bills A5365/S3701. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- \*215-2019** A resolution authorizing and ratifying the retention of Blau and Blau, Attorneys at Law as special counsel to file affirmative tax appeals on behalf of the City of Orange Township from March 1, 2019 until December 31, 2019.
- \*216-2019** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Tax Collector to prepare and mail estimated tax bills in accordance with P.L. 1994, c.72. (Separate Vote)
- \*217-2019** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on June 18, 2019 dated June 12, 2019 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$6,087,380.46) (Separate vote)

**Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

**(Resolution that were taken off for separate vote)**

The Clerk read Resolution 184-2019 by Title.

**184-2019** A resolution to enter into contact with Mr. Justice Rountree of 360 Poetry Night for spoken word hosting and presentation services in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.

**Motion to adopt Resolution 184-2019 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**On the motion:** Council Members commented that they requested documents from the Business Administrator and had not received them. The Business Administrator apologized, asked that the resolution be postponed and he will bring the requested information to the Council.

**Motion to postpone the resolution until the next meeting by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Eason.**

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

The Clerk read Resolution 209-2019 by Title.

**209-2019** A resolution re-appointing Betty McLeod, a resident of Orange, New Jersey, as a commissioner member to the Housing Authority of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey for a term of five (5) years. (Sponsored by Council Member Kerry J. Coley)

**Motion to adopt Resolution 209-2019 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**On the Motion:** Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented that she want Ms. McLeod know that we think she is doing a wonderful job. Councilwoman Williams also thanked Ms. McLeod for her service. Ms. McLeod commented that she loves the Housing Authority and thanked the Council Members for their support. A Member of the Housing Authority commented that they all appreciate her commitment to the Housing Authority.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

The Clerk read Resolution 216-2019 by Title.

**216-2019** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Tax Collector to prepare and mail estimated tax bills in accordance with P.L. 1994, c.72.

**The Business Administrator reported on the changes for Resolution 216-2019.**

**Motion to adopt amended Resolution 216-2019 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion Carries.**

The Clerk read Resolution 217-2019 by Title.

**217-2019** A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on June 18, 2019 dated June 12, 2019 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$6,087,380.46) new grand total (\$6,227,107.31)

**Motion to adopt amended Resolution 217-2019 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**On the Motion:** Councilwoman Williams reiterated that the Library audit amounts were included in the bill list. The Business Administrator reported on the vendor's amounts that were on the bill list besides the library.

**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 Resolutions 218, 219,220, 221,222 and 223 are walk-on resolutions and she read the titles of the resolutions.

**Motion to walk-on Resolutions 218, 219,220, 221,222 and 223-2019 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jackson.**

The Business Administrator reported that Mr. Atis will be hired as a city employee and therefore cannot be on the CBAC. The Council pulled Resolution 220-2019(WO).

**Motion to walk-on Resolutions 218,219,221,222 and 223-2019 by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.**

- 218-2019(WO)** A resolution celebrating the life of Ross Stephen Wright and renaming the Metcalf Park Baseball Field. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- 219-2019(WO)** A resolution celebrating the accomplishments of Yucef Mayes. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- 220-2019(WO)** A resolution appointing Bryan L. Atis as a member of the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee (Sponsored by Council Member Adrienne Wooten) **(Pulled from the walk-on list)**
- 221-2019(WO)** A resolution to amend Resolution 316-2018 authorizing the award of a contract to Occupational Health Centers of New Jersey, P.A. d/b/a Concentra Medical Centers, 375 McCarter Highway, Newark, New Jersey 07114-2562 to administer and provide employment medical examinations for the period of November 8, 2018 to December 31, 2019 adding \$50,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$120,800.00.
- 222-2019(WO)** A resolution celebrating the life of Creft Terrance Hannibal. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)
- 223-2019(WO)** A resolution amending resolution 183-2019 entering into contract with Metro YMCA of the Oranges for the co-facilitation of the 2019 Mayor's Circle of Excellence Summer Camp to include a not to exceed amount of \$115,000 adding \$5,000 in the amount not to exceed stated in the contract attached to resolution 183-2019.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.



**Motion Carries.**

**The Clerk asked if any citizens would like to speak on any walk-on resolutions.**

- Mr. Jeffery Feld asked why are there so many walk-ons. He questioned why the resolution that changes the name of Metcalf Park (218-2019) is a walk-on with no notice to the residents. Why couldn't it wait until the next meeting? Councilwoman Eason stated that they are not changing the name of the park just one of the baseball fields in the park. She did agree that it was not an emergency and could have waited.

**Motion to close citizen's comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., seconded by Councilman Jackson.**

**The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

The Clerk read the resolution by title.

**218-2019(WO)** A resolution celebrating the life of Ross Stephen Wright and renaming the Metcalf Park Baseball Field. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)

**Motion to adopt Resolution 218-2019 by Councilman Johnson, Jr, seconded by Councilman Jackson.**

**On the Motion:** Councilwoman Williams stated it should be from the Council Members as well. Councilwoman Wooten asked which field would be specified in the resolution. The right ball field would be the named field.

**Motion to adopt as amended Resolution 218-2019 by Councilwoman Wooten, seconded by Councilwoman Williams.**

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain:

Absent:

**Motion Carries.**

The Clerk read the resolution by title.

**219-2019(WO)** A resolution celebrating the accomplishments of Yucef Mayes. (Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)

**Motion to adopt the resolution by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Wooten.**

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: *none*

Absent:

**Motion Carries.**

The Clerk read the resolution by title.

**221-2019(WO)** A resolution to amend Resolution 316-2018 authorizing the award of a contract to Occupational Health Centers of New Jersey, P.A. d/b/a Concentra Medical Centers, 375 McCarter Highway, Newark, New Jersey 07114-2562 to administer and provide employment medical examinations for the period

of November 8, 2018 to December 31, 2019 adding \$50,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$120,800.00.

**Motion to adopt the resolution by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jackson.**

**On the Motion:** Councilwoman Wooten asked if this money was already in the budget. He reported how the money had been split between 2018 and 2019 and why \$50,000 had been added.

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain:

Absent:

**Motion Carries.**

The Clerk read the resolution by title.

**222-2019(WO)** A resolution celebrating the life of Creft Terrance Hannibal.  
(Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)

**Motion to adopt the resolution by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jackson.**

**On the motion: Councilwoman Williams stated it should be sponsored by the City Council.**

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain:

Absent:

**Motion Carries.**

The Clerk read the resolution by title.

**223-2019(WO)** A resolution amending resolution 183-2019 entering into contract with Metro YMCA of the Oranges for the co-facilitation of the 2019 Mayor's Circle of Excellence Summer Camp to include a not to exceed amount of \$115,000 adding \$5,000 in the amount not to exceed stated in the contract attached to resolution 183-2019.

**Motion to adopt the resolution by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Jr.**

**On the Motion: Councilwoman Williams asked what the additional \$5,000 was for. The Business Administrator said it was needed to add the cost of the academic portion of the program.**

**Roll Call:**

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

Nays: None.

Abstain:

Absent:

**Motion Carries.**

Councilwoman Wooten had a resolution that she wanted to walk-on.

Councilwoman Wooten asked the City Attorney how are resolutions walked on and approved for form and legality. City Attorney advised that as long as resolutions are read into the record and copies provided to the public they can be walked onto the agenda. The City Attorney needed time to review the legislation.

**Motion to have a 5 minutes recess by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jackson. The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.**


City Attorney reviewed the proposed resolution Councilwoman Wooten wanted to walk on for the Housing Authority and advised her that it could not be walked on. It would need the approval of the Mayor.

**OTHER PENDING BUSINESS None.**

**Motion to adjourn by Councilman Johnson, Jr, seconded by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson.**

By consensus, the regular meeting adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

**Approved:**

  
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**Joyce L. Lanier**  
City Clerk

  
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**Tency A. Eason**  
Council President