

CITY OF EAST ORANGE
THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, March 9, 2015

5:30 P.M.

(Minutes from the Meeting of February 23, 2015)

ALICIA HOLMAN
City Council Chairwoman

First Ward

Andrea D. McPhatter
Christopher D. James

Second Ward

Jacquelyn E. Johnson
Romal D. Bullock

Third Ward

Quilla E. Talmadge
Ted R. Green

Fourth Ward

Sharon Fields
Tyshammie L. Cooper

Fifth Ward

Alicia Holman
Lonnie P. Hughes



The following minutes are of necessity, condensed and abridged and do not purport to contain the full contents of the matters discussed. The items referred are subject to legal opinion as to validity.

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING
February 23, 2015**

The East Orange City Council met on February 23, 2015 at 5:35 P.M. in City Council Chambers, 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange, and New Jersey. Adequate notice of such meeting was duly given in accordance with law, by publication in local newspapers and by posting on the bulletin board outside and within City Council Chambers.

On Roll Call the following Members of Council were present:

Romal D. Bullock; Andrea D. McPhatter; Theodore R. Green; Lonnie P. Hughes; Christopher D. James; Quilla E. Talmadge; Alicia Holman

Absent

Sharon Fields
Tyshammie L. Cooper (arrived @ 6:15)
Jacquelyn E. Johnson

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

William Senande	City Administrator and CFO
Valerie Jackson, Director	Planning
Christopher Coke, Director	Public Works
Thomas Small	Tax Assessor
Osner Charles, Acting Director	Recreation Department
Michelle Ralph-Rawls, Director	Human Resources
Rochelle Evans, Director	Health Department
Kim Fisher, Director	IT
Carolyn R. Reed, Director	East Orange Public Library

ALSO PRESENT

Malee Wing	Assistant Corporation Counsel
Lee Fisher	Essex County Liaison

There were 6 citizens in attendance

OPEN HEARING OF CITIZENS

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 of the Rules of City Council, each person wishing to address the Council, shall step up to the microphone, shall give his/her name in an audible tone for the record and unless further time is granted by the Presiding Officer, shall limit remarks to three minutes.

All members of the public are 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.

Comments:

None

COMMITTEES

100-ARTS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
200-BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING
300-FINANCE
400-HEALTH AND EDUCATION
500-HOUSING, LICENSING AND INSPECTION
600-LAW AND LEGISLATION
700-PLANNING AND GRANTS
800-PUBLIC SAFETY
900-PUBLIC WORKS
1000-COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

100 - ARTS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS – ANDREA D. MCPHATTER

Talmadge, Hughes, Bullock

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| 101. | Recreation Department | In Committee |
| 102. | East Orange Public Library | In Committee |
| 103. | Deacon Hollis Ford - Commendation | Resolution to be presented |
| 104. | Tobbia M. Corbitt – Retirement | Resolution to be presented |

200 - BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING – TED R. GREEN

Cooper, Bullock, James

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| 201. | Brick Church Mall | In Committee |
| 202. | Brick Church Urban Renewal | In Committee |
| 203. | Economic Development Corp. | In Committee |
| 204. | Board of Adjustment | In Committee |
| 205. | Community Development Corp. | In Committee |
| 206. | Sanford Evergreen Connector | In Committee |
| 207. | Resolution of the City Council of East Orange Referring a Proposed Amendment Of the Sussex Area Redevelopment Plan Incorporating Block 48, Lot 1 and Block 181 Lot 1 to the East Orange Planning Board | Resolution to be presented |

300 – FINANCE – LONNIE P. HUGHES

Green, Johnson, Talmadge

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| 301. | Personnel | In Committee |
| 302. | Tax Refund | In Committee |
| 303. | Labor Negotiations | In Committee |
| 304. | Tax Revaluation | In Committee |
| 305. | Tax Sale Certificate | In Committee |
| 306. | In Rem Foreclosure | In Committee |
| 307. | Payroll #4 | February 12, 2015 – February 25, 2015
Resolution to be presented |
| 308. | Stop Payments | In Committee |
| 309. | Legal Transfer | In Committee |
| 310. | Tax Payment Plan | In Committee |
| 311. | Tax Appeal Refunds | In Committee |
| 312. | Annual Tax Sale | In Committee |
| 313. | Tax Abatement | In Committee |
| 314. | In Lieu of Taxes | In Committee |
| 315. | Bills, Claims & Appropriations | In Committee |
| 316. | Tax Sale Assignment | In Committee |
| 317. | Tax Lien | In Committee |
| 318. | Tax Lien Redemption | In Committee |
| 319. | Budget Insertions | In Committee |
| 320. | Status of Women | In Committee |
| 321. | Auction | In Committee |
| 322. | Resolution of the City of East Orange, in the County of Essex, New Jersey Authorizing City Officials to undertake certain actions in connection with the Issuance and Sale of not to exceed \$10,554,500 Bond Anticipation Notes Series 2015A and \$3,280,000 Tax Appeal Refunding Notes, 2015B | Resolution to be presented |

300 – FINANCE – LONNIE P. HUGHES - Continued

Green, Johnson, Talmadge

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| 323. | Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Professional Services Contract for Budget Consultant – HJA Strategies, LLC \$40,000.00 | Resolution to be presented |
| 324. | Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Professional Services Contract for Municipal Auditor – Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva, PA - \$185,000.00 | Resolution to be presented |
| 325. | Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Professional Services Contract for Budget Consultant for City Council – McEnerney, Brady & Company, LLP - 30,000.00 | Resolution to be presented |
| 326. | Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Professional Services Contract for Financial Advisor – NM Financial Group \$25,000.00 | Resolution to be presented |
| 327. | Resolution Awarding Professional Services Contract for Tax Appeals Special Legal Counsel for the City of East Orange - Feinstein, Raiss, Klein & Booker, LLC - \$60,000.00 | Resolution to be presented |
| 328. | Resolution of the City of East Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Submission of an Application to the Local Finance Board Pursuant to N.J.S.A.§40A:2-51, N.J.S.A.§40A:2-55, §40A:3-1 and §40A:3-11 in connection with the Proposed Issuance of not to exceed \$24,300,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 Consisting of \$5,400,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, and \$18,900,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of Water Utility Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 | Resolution to be presented |
| 329. | Resolution Authorizing the Continued Acting Appointment in an Unclassified Position – Osner J. Charles – Acting Director of the Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs | Resolution to be presented |
| 330. | Resolution Authorizing Bill Payments to the Firm of Wolf & Samson, PC | Resolution to be presented |
| 331. | 2013 Annual Report of Audit | Resolution to be presented |

400 – HEALTH and EDUCATION – SHARON FIELDS

Hughes, McPhatter, Johnson

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| 401. | Child Guidance Clinic | In Committee |
| 402. | Health Department | In Committee |
| 403. | Mental Health Board | In Committee |
| 404. | East Orange General Hospital | In Committee |
| 405. | East Orange Board of Education | In Committee |

500 – HOUSING, LICENSING AND INSPECTION – TYSHAMMIE L. COOPER

James, Fields, McPhatter

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| 501. | Rent Leveling | In Committee |
| 502. | Affordable Housing Program | In Committee |
| 503. | Housing Authority | In Committee |
| 504. | Housing, Planning & Coordinating | In Committee |

James, Fields, McPhatter

- 505. Private Parking Rentals In Committee
- 506. Senior Citizens Housing In Committee
- 507. Housing Summit In Committee

600 - LAW AND LEGISLATION – JACQUELYN E. JOHNSON

Bullock, Green, Cooper

- 601. Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinance No. 11 of 2015

An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing The Sussex Area Redevelopment Plan by Incorporating Hollywood Plaza, Block 48, Lot 1 and Block 181, Lot 1 into the Area Governed by the Redevelopment Plan

Ordinance No. 12 of 2015

Refunding Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of not to exceed \$24,300,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of General obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 Consisting of not to exceed \$5,400,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 and not to exceed \$18,900,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of Water Utility Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, by the City of East Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (The "City") for the purpose of Refunding certain Bonds previously issued by the City, Appropriating such Refunding Bonds to such purpose and to Finance the costs of issuance of such Refunding Bonds

Ordinance No. 13 of 2015

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of East Orange Repealing Ordinance 23 of 2000 and Amending Ordinance No. 20 of 1968 to establish the Department of Health and Human Services

- 602. Ordinances on Second and Final Reading

Ordinance No. 5 of 2015

An Ordinance of the City of East Orange Municipal Council to approve the Tax Exemption and to Authorize the Execution of a Financial Agreement between the City of East Orange and Essence Urban Renewal Company

Ordinance No. 6 of 2015

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 18 Of 2013 Relating to Salaries and Classifications Certain Municipal Personnel of the City of East Orange (Schedule C)

Ordinance No. 7 of 2015

An Ordinance Adopting a Codification and Revision of the Ordinances of the City of East Orange, County of Essex, State of New Jersey; Providing for the Maintenance of said Code; Repealing and Saving from Repeal certain Ordinances not included therein; Establishing a Penalty for altering or tampering with the Code; and making certain changes in previously adopted Ordinances

Ordinance No. 8 of 2015

An Ordinance of the City of East Orange Municipal Council to Transfer the Tax Abatement and Amend Tax Abatement Agreement Authorized by Resolution I-170 Dated March 24, 1975 between the City of East Orange and Prospect Park Associates

EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL 2015 SCHEDULED MEETING DATES

In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, Public Notice is hereby given that the East Orange City Council has established the following 2015 Meeting Dates.

Formal action may take place at these Meetings. Executive Sessions may be held at Committee Meetings or at Regular Meetings. These Meetings will be held in City Council Chambers located at 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange, New Jersey.

Committee Discussion & Agenda Meetings 5:30 PM

Monday, January 12th
Monday, January 26th

Monday, February 9th
Monday, February 23rd

Monday, March 9th
Monday, March 23rd

Monday, April 13th
Monday, April 27th

Monday, May 11th
Tuesday, May 26th

Monday, June 8th
Monday, June 22nd

Monday, July 6th
Monday, July 20th

Monday, August 10th
Monday, August 24th

Monday, September 14th
Monday, September 28th

Tuesday, October 13th
Monday, October 26th

Monday, November 9th
Monday, November 23rd

Monday, December 7th
Monday, December 21st

Regular Official Meetings 6:30PM

Monday, January 12th
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***City Council Reorganization Meeting & Swearing In Ceremony
Friday, January 1, 2016 @ Noon***