

CITY OF EAST ORANGE
THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, July 11, 2016

5:30 P.M.

(Minutes from the Meeting of June 27, 2016)

THEODORE R. GREEN
City Council Chairman

First Ward

Christopher D. James
Amy J. Lewis

Second Ward

Jacquelyn E. Johnson
Romal D. Bullock

Third Ward

Quilla E. Talmadge
Theodore R. Green

Fourth Ward

Tyshammie L. Cooper
Casim L. Gomez

Fifth Ward

Alicia Holman
Mustafa Al-M. Brent



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
June 27, 2016**

The East Orange City Council met on June 27, 2016 at 5:40 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; Jacquelyn E. Johnson; Casim L. Gomez; Christopher D. James; Theodore R. Green

The Clerk reported there was not a quorum present.

ABSENT:

Mustafa Al-M. Brent (**arrived at 5:50 PM**), Amy Lewis (out of town on business), Tyshammie L. Cooper (death in family), Alicia Holman (family emergency), Quilla E. Talmadge (vacation)

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Osner Charles, Director	Recreation
William Senande, City Administrator/CFO	Finance Department
Christopher Coke, Director	Public Works
Thomas Small, Tax Assessor	Department of Property Taxation
Valerie Jackson, Director	Policy, Planning and Development
Khalifah Shabazz, Esq.	Corporation Counsel
Dwight Saunders	Acting Mayor

ALSO PRESENT

Pamela Holmes, Assistant Director	East Orange Public Library
Aja Baldwin, Aide to the Mayor	Office of the Mayor
Inspector Tony Cooke	Police Department
Lee Fisher	Essex County Liaison
Hansel Moses	IT Department
Shatera Smith	Human Resources Department
Mark Barner, Assistant Director	Property Maintenance
Victor Kuteyi, Health Officer	Health Department
Frank McEnerny, Budget Consultant	

There were 11 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:

1. Mr. and Mrs. Wicks: Bought two houses at the Tax Sale after they were informed it was in good condition by the Tax Collector who said she inspected it. Indicated the house actually had been flooded and had mold. Mr. Wicks said he was supposed to close on the house tomorrow, but asked that it be extended because he did not feel he should pay the \$30,000.00 on the house and have to do a total rehabilitation. Asked that taxes be taken off.
2. No name provided: Said an abandoned house on his 70 Hawthorne Avenue was unkempt.

The Clerk reported Councilman Brent arrived at 5:50 PM and there was a quorum present.

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

AMY LEWIS—CHAIRWOMAN

Holman, Gomez, James

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| 101. | Recreation Department | In Committee |
| 102. | East Orange Public Library | In Committee |
| 103. | Lenora Anderson Morton – 112 th Birthday Celebration | Resolution to be presented |
| 103. | Lena Williams – 100 th Birthday Celebration | Resolution to be presented |
| 103. | Marsha B. Walton – Retirement | Resolution to be presented |
| 104. | Resolution Authorizing the Award of Summer Food Program and After School Meals Contract Between the City of East Orange and Preferred Meal Systems, Inc. | Resolution to be presented |
| 105. | Resolution Authorizing a Fee Waiver for the Usage of the Pool for Residents on July 1 st and July 2 nd | Resolution to be presented |
| 106. | Resolution Authorizing a Special One Day Only Filming Fee Waiver for the OPRAH Winfrey Network at the Independence Day Celebration | Resolution to be presented |

200 - BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING

ROMAL D. BULLOCK – CHAIRMAN

James, Cooper, Holman

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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 Need Supporting Genesis Concord Vista LLC's Application for Funding through the New Jersey Housing Mortgage Finance Agency's Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program to Rehabilitate Sixty Four (64) Affordable Housing Project Located at 210 North Grove Street (Block 160 Lot 27.01) that will meet an Existing Housing Need in the City of East Orange | Resolution to be presented |

- 208.** Resolution of Need Supporting Genesis Concord Vista LLC’s Application for Funding through the New Jersey Housing Mortgage Finance Agency’s Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program to Rehabilitate One Hundred Eighty (180) Affordable Housing Project Located at 70 South Burnet Street (Block 381 Lot 25) that will meet an Existing Housing Need in the City of East Orange **Resolution to be presented**

- 209.** Resolution Designating Woodmont Industrial Partners, LLC as Developer of Block 32 Lot 5 More commonly known as 11-41 Sussex Avenue (the Former Arcadian Gardens Site) and Authorizing the Execution of a Letter of Intent with the Redeveloper **Resolution to be presented**

300 - FINANCE

- 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 #13 June 17, 2016 – June 30, 2016
Resolution to be presented
- 308. Stop Payments In Committee
- 309. Legal Transfer In Committee
- 310. Tax Payment Plan In Committee
- 311.** Tax Appeal Refunds Duplicate Tax Payments - \$8,453.87
Resolution to be presented
- 312. Annual Tax Sale In Committee
- 313.** Tax Abatement
Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a First Amendment to the Tax Abatement Between the City of East Orange and Carthage Arlington Urban Renewal, LLC **Resolution to be presented**
- 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

300 – FINANCE Continued
QUILLA E. TALMADGE – CHAIRWOMAN
Cooper, Holman, Johnson

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| 320. | Status of Women | In Committee |
| 321. | Auction
Approval of Bids – City Owned Property | Resolution to be presented |
| 322. | State of New Jersey Department of
Environmental Protection Clean
Communities Grant- \$127,096.66 | Resolution to be presented |
| 323. | Resolution Authorizing the City of East
Orange to Cancel its Financial Agreement
Concerning the Property at 100 Sussex
Avenue | Resolution to be presented |
| 324. | Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to
Issue Third Quarter Tax Bills for 2016 | Resolution to be presented |

400 – HEALTH and EDUCATION
MUSTAFA AL-M. BRENT – CHAIRMAN
Gomez, Talmadge, Lewis

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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 – CHAIRWOMAN
Brent, Johnson, Bullock

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

600 - LAW AND LEGISLATION
JACQUELYN E. JOHNSON – CHAIRWOMAN
Lewis, James, Talmadge

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| 601. | Ordinances on First Reading | <u>ORDINANCE NO. 30 OF 2016:</u>
Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 5 of
2015, the Financial Agreement between
the City of East Orange and the Entity
Essence 144 Urban Renewal Co., LLC to
increase the Number of Residential Units
from One Hundred Forty-Four (144) to
One Hundred Fifty-Six (156) |
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Ordinances on First Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 31 OF 2016:

Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the City Council of East Orange, in the County of Essex, New Jersey to Enter into a Financial Agreement with CAPC Fourth Ave. Urban Renewal, LLC to Rehabilitate an Eleven (11) Unit Low Income Building for Block 71, Lot 28 (65-67 Fourth Avenue) within the Greenwood Redevelopment Area

ORDINANCE NO. 32 OF 2016:

Ordinance to Transfer City Owned Lots Eaton Place to East Orange Housing and Community Development Corporation, as Developer of Certain Sites in the Greenwood Redevelopment Area under the Auspices of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et. seq., known as the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law

ORDINANCE NO. 33 OF 2016:

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 132 of the Code of the City of East Orange Article VII – Vicious and Potentially Dangerous Dogs

ORDINANCE NO. 34 OF 2016:

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 27 of 2014 Providing for Excess Vacant and Abandoned Property Registration Fees to be Designated for Vacant and Abandoned Property Purposes

ORDINANCE NO. 35 OF 2016:

An Ordinance Amending Sections of 260-9 of the East Orange City Code to Provide for the Creation of Four Way Stop Signs at Various Locations along Elmwood Avenue and Rhode Island Avenue

602. Ordinances on Second and Final Reading

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 12 OF 2016:

Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition and Implementation of Billing and Customer Service Software By the East Orange Water Commission of the City of East Orange, In the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (The “City”); Appropriating \$500,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$500,000 Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance the Costs Thereof

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 17 OF 2016:

Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Water Improvements and Acquisitions of Equipment for the East Orange Water Commission By the City of East Orange, In the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (The “City”); to be Financed by the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Fund Program; Appropriating \$23,100,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$23,100,000 Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance the Costs Thereof

Ordinances on Second and Final Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 21 OF 2016: An Ordinance Requiring Hiring from Locally Approved Training Programs on Multi-Unit Construction Projects Receiving Financial Assistance from the City of East Orange

ORDINANCE NO. 22 OF 2016: An Ordinance to Transfer City-Owned Lots 55-59 Amherst Street to ASBG Companies, Inc. In the TR-2 Residential Neighborhood District Under of Auspices of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et. seq., Known as the “Local Redevelopment and Housing Law

ORDINANCE NO. 23 OF 2016: An Ordinance to Transfer One (1) City Owned Lot to 86 North 18 LLC Under of Auspices of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et. seq., Known as the “Local Redevelopment and Housing Law

ORDINANCE NO. 24 OF 2016: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5 Article IX Section §5-70M(3) (Ordinance Number 56 of 2015)

ORDINANCE NO. 26 OF 2016: An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of East Orange Entitled Claims: Approval and Payment

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 27 OF 2016: Bond Ordinance Providing for Improvements to the City Owned Golf Course and Various Road Improvements, By and In the City of East Orange, In the County of Essex, State of New Jersey; Reappropriating \$1,287,645.60 In Excess Bond Proceeds from Various Bonds Ordinances, Not Needed For Their Original Purpose to Finance the Costs Thereof

ORDINANCE NO. 28 OF 2016: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2 of 2016 (Amended by Ordinance No. 19 of 2016) Relating to Salaries And Classifications of Certain Municipal Personnel of the City of East Orange that are Members of the Engineering Supervisory Personnel Association, Inc.

ORDINANCE NO. 29 OF 2016: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 3 of 2016 Relating to Salaries and Classifications of certain Municipal Personnel of the City of East Orange that are Members of the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO In Committee

604. Bingo/Raffles
Holy Spirit and Our Lady Help of Christians
Church - Raffle Games

Motion to be presented

605. A.B.C.

In Committee

600 - LAW AND LEGISLATION - continued
JACQUELYN E. JOHNSON – CHAIRWOMAN
Holman, James, Cooper

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| 606. | City Council Rules | In Committee |
| 607. | Settlements | In Committee |
| 608. | Comcast/Suburban Cable Contract | In Committee |
| 609. | Taxi Cabs vs. Livery Licenses | In Committee |
| 610. | Resolution Authorizing a Special One Day License Fee Exemption for Vendors At the Third Ward Summer Jam | Resolution to be presented |
| 611. | A Resolution of the City of East Orange Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum Of Understanding with the East Orange Water Commission | Resolution to be presented |
| 612. | Constable Reappointment –Third Ward Devin Drake | Motion to be presented |

700 – PLANNING and GRANTS
CASIM L. GOMEZ – CHAIRMAN
Bullock, Lewis, Brent

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| 701. | Community Development | In Committee |
| 702. | Safe and Clean | In Committee |
| 703. | Small Tools Library | In Committee |
| 704. | Green Acres Grant | In Committee |
| 705. | Women’s Summit | In Committee |
| 706. | Resolution Supporting the Initiation of a Recreational Grant Application from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to Provide Inclusive Recreational Opportunities for Residents in the City of East Orange with Developmental Disabilities | Resolution to be presented |

800 - PUBLIC SAFETY
ALICIA HOLMAN – CHAIRWOMAN
Talmadge, Bullock, Cooper

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| 801. | Police Department | A Resolution Authorizing the East Orange Office of Emergency Management to Apply For and Accept a Sub-grant Award of the Federal Fiscal Year 2015 of Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance Grant Program Funding and for the County Chief Financial Officer to Amend The Budget and Certify the Availability of Funds
Resolution to be presented |
| | | A Resolution Authorizing the Auction of Abandoned and Unclaimed Bicycles
Resolution to be presented |
| | | A Resolution Authorizing the City to Purchase Body Cameras, Software and Accessories for the Police Department
Resolution to be presented |
| 803. | Fire Department | In Committee |

900 - PUBLIC WORKS
CHRISTOPHER D. JAMES – CHAIRMAN
Johnson, Brent, Gomez

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| 901. | Capital Improvement Projects | Under Construction |
| 902. | Streetscape | In Committee |

1000– COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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| 1000. | East Orange Parking Authority | In Committee |
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Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

CYNTHIA BROWN
MUNICIPAL CLERK

**THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
2016 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 2014 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 Meeting**
5:30PM

Monday, January 11th
Monday, January 25th

Monday, February 8th
Monday, February 22nd

Monday, March 14th
Monday, March 28th

Monday, April 11th
Monday, April 25th

Monday, May 9th
Monday, May 23rd

Monday, June 6th
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Monday, June 27th

Monday, July 11th
Monday, July 18th
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Monday, August 8th
Monday, August 22nd

Monday, September 12th
Monday, September 26th

Tuesday, October 11th
Monday, October 24th

Monday, November 7th
Monday, November 21st

Monday, December 5th
Monday, December 19th

**Regular Official
Meeting**
6:00PM

Monday, January 11th
Monday, January 25th

Monday, February 8th
Monday, February 22nd

Monday, March 14th
Monday, March 28th

Monday, April 11th
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Monday, September 12th
Monday, September 26th

Tuesday, October 11th
Monday, October 24th

Monday, November 7th
Monday, November 21st

Monday, December 5th
Monday, December 19th

**City Council Reorganization Meeting
Monday, January 2, 2017 @ Noon**

~~~~Revised 5/23/16~~~~