

CITY OF EAST ORANGE
THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 14, 2023
6:00 P.M.

CHRISTOPHER AWE
City Council Chairman

First Ward

Christopher D. James
Amy Lewis

Second Ward

Christopher Awe
Brittany D. Claybrooks

Third Ward

Bergson Leneus
Vernon Pullins, Jr.

Fourth Ward

Casim L. Gomez
Tameika Garrett-Ward

Fifth Ward

Alicia Holman
Mustafa AL-M. Brent



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ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

SILENT PRAYER

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance No. 1 of 2023

An Ordinance Authorizing the City of East Orange Purchase for a Public Purpose the Improvements and Property Located at 18-20 Ashland Avenue, identified on the Tax Maps as Block 541, Lot 14, East Orange, New Jersey

PRESENTATIONS

MINUTES

January 23, 2023 – Regular Meeting
October 11, 2022 – Regular Meeting
August 22, 2022 – Regular Meeting

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Correspondence received February 8, 2023, from the Essex County Board of County Commissioners submitting a copy of **Ordinance No. O-2023-00004** – “Salary Ordinance Board of County Commissioners”.
2. Correspondence received February 8, 2023, from Kleinfelder regarding Public Notification former Exxon Service Station # 31677 – 516 William Street East Orange, Essex County, New Jersey NJDEP Case # 89-05-03-1151 PI # 007473.
3. A copy of the Budget Amendment Certification Form, Appropriations Offset by Revenue was received on February 3, 2023.
4. Correspondence received February 1, 2023, from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding City of East Orange, Essex County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Community ID # 340181.
5. Correspondence received January 31, 2023, from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case Number: 23-01-30-0924-11.
6. Correspondence received January 31, 2023, from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case Number: 23-01-27-1135-20.
7. Correspondence received January 31, 2023, from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case Number: 23-01-27-1453-47.
8. Correspondence received January 31, 2023, from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case Number: 23-01-27-1131-52.
9. Correspondence received January 27, 2023, from Second River Joint Meeting regarding Water Consumption Figures for 2022 Annual Report.
10. Correspondence received January 25, 2023, from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation regarding Rescission of Fund TV – 2020 East Orange Wayfinding Improvements East Orange, Essex County.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

1. Correspondence dated January 31, 2023, re-appointing Kenneth J. Hall to serve as a member of the Planning Board, Class IV for a four (4) year term, expiring December 31, 2026.
2. Correspondence dated January 31, 2023, re-appointing Jennifer Hudson to serve as a member of the Planning Board, Class IV for a four (4) year term, expiring December 31, 2026.

BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES RECEIVED

None

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Constable Reports – February 2023

William H. Cotton

Constable Reports – January 2023

Derrick Barrett
William H. Cotton

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

ARTS, RECREATION and CULTURAL AFFAIRS – BERGSON LENEUS

James, Brent, Lewis

Resolution I-41 Juanita Rowe Memorial

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING – CHRISTOPHER D. JAMES

Leneus, Pullins, Jr., Brent

No Resolutions

FINANCE – VERNON PULLINS, JR.

Lewis, Holman, Gomez

Resolutions

- I-42 Payroll #2
- I-43 Payroll #3
- I-4 Bill Approval and Payment Listing (2.14.23)
- I-44 Duplicate Tax Payments- \$15,121.44
- I-45 Resolution Amending the Gas Mileage Reimbursement Rate for City Employees
- I-46 Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employees
- I-47 Authorize Temporary Emergency Appropriations Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:4-1 ET SEQ (The Local Budget Law)
- I-48 Resolution Awarding Professional Service Contracts for Tax Appeal Defense Counsel
- I-49 Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employee

HEALTH and EDUCATION – MUSTAFA AL-M. BRENT

Claybrooks, Gomez, James

No Resolutions

HOUSING, LICENSING and INSPECTION – BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS

Holman, Leneus, Pullins, Jr.

No Resolutions

PLANNING and GRANTS – TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD

Gomez, Claybrooks, Holman

Resolutions

- I-50 Resolution Authoring the City of East Orange to Apply for a Grant from the Bloomberg Philanthropies for the 2023 Public Art Challenge
- I-51 A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Home Funds to Sierra House Community Housing Development Organization for an Affordable Housing Project in the Greenwood Redevelopment Area Located at 70 Chestnut Street

PUBLIC SAFETY – AMY LEWIS

Brent, James, Garrett-Ward

No Resolutions

PUBLIC WORKS – CASIM GOMEZ

Pullins, Jr., Garrett-Ward, Claybrooks

Resolutions

- I-52** Resolution Accepting the Bid of A.B. Contracting, LLC for Columbian Park Improvements- Field House and Swimming Pool
- I-53** Resolution Authorizing the City of East Orange to Enter Into a Right of Entry Agreement with PSE&G

LAW AND LEGISLATION – ALICIA HOLMAN

Garrett-Ward, Lewis, Leneus

No Resolutions

ROLL CALL ON CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the City Council and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, Council may remove that item from the Consent Agenda and discuss it separately under the Regular Agenda

NEW BUSINESS

REGULAR AGENDA

TABLED LEGISLATION

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

ARTS, RECREATION and CULTURAL AFFAIRS – BERGSON LENEUS

James, Brent, Lewis

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT and ZONING – CHRISTOPHER D. JAMES

Leneus, Pullins, Jr., Brent

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Lewis, Holman, Gomez

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Ordinance on First Reading

Ordinance No. 3 of 2023

An Ordinance to Transfer a City Property Upper Greenwood Realty LLC, In the Greenwood Redevelopment Area Under the Auspices of N.J.S.A.40:12A-1 et. Seq., Known as the "Local Redevelopment and Housing Law"

LAW AND LEGISLATION – ALICIA HOLMAN - Continued

Garrett-Ward, Lewis, Leneus

Ordinance on First Reading

Ordinance No. 4 of 2023

Municipal Budget Appropriation and Establish a Cap Bank Pursuant (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)- to be transferred to Finance

Ordinance on Second and Final Reading

Ordinance No. 1 of 2023

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Resolution

I-54

Resolution Waiving the Twenty Day Effective Period on Ordinance No. 1 of 2023

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, give his or 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.

CALL OF WARDS

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THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
AMENDED 2023 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 2023 Meeting Dates.

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

Monday, January 9, 2023
Annual Reorganization Meeting

Committee Discussion
& Agenda Meetings

5:30 PM

- Monday, January 23rd
- ~~Monday, February 13th~~
- Tuesday, February 14th
- Monday, February 27th
- Monday, March 13th
- Monday, March 20th
- Monday, April 10th
- Monday, April 24th
- Monday, May 8th
- Tuesday, May 30th
- Monday, June 12th
- Monday, June 26th
- Monday, July 10th
- Monday, July 24th
- Monday, August 14th
- Monday, August 28th
- Monday, September 11th
- Monday, September 25th
- Tuesday, October 16th
- Monday, October 30th
- Monday, November 13th
- Monday, November 27th
- Monday, December 11th
- Monday, December 18th

Regular Official
Meetings

6:00PM

- Monday, January 23rd
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- Monday, November 13th
- Monday, November 27th
- Monday, December 11th
- Monday, December 18th

City Council Reorganization Meeting
Monday, January 1, 2024
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Amended 1.23.2023