

**CITY OF EAST ORANGE**  
**THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday, July 24, 2023**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**CHRISTOPHER AWE**  
City Council Chairman

**First Ward**

**Christopher D. James**  
**Amy Lewis**

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**ROLL CALL**

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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**PRESENTATIONS**

**MINUTES**

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Correspondence received on July 24, 2023, from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case Number: 23-07-10-1010-32.
2. Correspondence received on July 20, 2023, from The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Essex Site McGraw Edison Company; 14 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, East Orange, County of Essex, 07019; program interest (PI) Number(s): 020696; Soil Remedial Action Permit (RAP) Number: RAP180002.
3. Correspondence received on July 20, 2023, from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Area of Concern: One 550 gal. #2 Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank System Unrestricted Use – No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue; Block 61, Lot 31, 100 North 19<sup>th</sup> Street, East Orange City, Essex County; Program Interest #: 1027753, Activity Number: CSP230001, Communications Center Number: 23-01-27-1135-20.
4. Correspondence received on July 19, 2023 from the Essex County Board of County Commissioners submitting copies of **Ordinance No. O-2023-00013** – "County of Essex – Amendment to the Ordinance Authorizing the Off-Duty Employment of Essex County Sheriff's Officers for Public Safety and Security Functions by Persons and Entities Utilizing their services (under the Security Officer Registration Act ("SORA"), N.J.S.A.45:19A-1, et seq) in order to permit a Third-Party Administrator ("TPA") to schedule Off-Duty Assignments, remit payment to the County and Officers working Off-Duty and to allow a TPA to collect up to an 8% Service Fee from the persons or entities requiring Off-Duty Officers, and in order to update hourly rates, the Administrative fee as well as insurance and indemnification provisions for Off-Duty Assignments", **Ordinance No. O-2023-00014** – "Ordinance Naming the new Community Center that is being constructed in Essex County Independence Park as the "Essex County Sheriff Armando and Mary Fontoura Community Center" in honor of Essex County Sheriff Armando Fontoura and his wife Mary Fontoura", and **Ordinance No. O-2023-00015** – "Ordinance naming the new Essex County Family Courts Building that will be constructed on Brandford Place between University Avenue and Washington Street in Newark as the "Essex County Wynona Lipman Family Courts Building" in honor of the late NJ State Senator Wynona Lipman".

**MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1. Correspondence received July 19, 2023, appointing Solomon Steplight, City Administrator to serve as acting Mayor, effective Monday, July 24, 2023, to Friday, July 28, 2023.

**BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES RECEIVED**

NONE

**REPORT OF OFFICERS**

NONE

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**ARTS, RECREATION and CULTURAL AFFAIRS – BERGSON LENEUS**

James, Brent, Lewis

**Resolutions**

- I-241 Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contract for Raising Opioid Awareness at the East Orange UnityFest Community Festival
- I-242 Leon Vaughn – Commendation
- I-243 Vashti Trent White – Memorial
- I-244 Resolution Authorizing the Award of East Orange 2023 Child & Adult Care Food Program Contract Between the City of East Orange and Nu-Way Concessionaires, Inc.
- I-245 Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of the Award of a Contract for Opioid Awareness at the East Orange Unityfest Community Festival

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING – CHRISTOPHER D. JAMES**

Leneus, Pullins, Jr., Brent

**Resolutions**

- I-246 Resolution Designating Kae Victus, LLC as Redeveloper for 81, 122 and 126 Hollywood Avenue Located in the Sussex Avenue Redevelopment Area and Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with Kae Victus, LLC
- I-247 Resolution Designating Burrowes development Group LLC as Developer for a certain Property Located in the Transit Village Redevelopment Area

**FINANCE – VERNON PULLINS, JR.**

Lewis, Holman, Gomez

**Resolutions**

- I-248 Payroll #14
- I-4 Bill Approval and Payment Listing (07.24.2023)
- I-249 Duplicate tax Payments - \$4,732.20
- I-250 Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employees - \$73,478.65

**HEALTH and EDUCATION – MUSTAFA AL-M. BRENT**

Claybrooks, Gomez, James

**Resolution**

- I-251 Resolution Authorizing the City of East Orange to Maintain its Lease Agreement with Central Suites, LLC for the Rental of Space to House its WIC Program (Back to Committee)

**HOUSING, LICENSING and INSPECTION – BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS**

Holman, Leneus, Pullins, Jr.

**Resolution**

- I-252 Resolution confirming the appointment of Beth A. Coleman to the East Orange Housing Authority representing the First Ward

**PLANNING and GRANTS – TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD**

Gomez, Claybrooks, Holman

**No Resolutions**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – AMY LEWIS**

Brent, James, Garrett-Ward

**Resolution**

**I-253** Resolution Authorizing the City of East Orange to Accept a Subgrant Award of the Federal Fiscal Year 2022 of Emergency Management Performance Grant and Emergency Management Agency Assistance

**PUBLIC WORKS – CASIM GOMEZ**

Pullins, Jr., Garrett-Ward, Claybrooks

**No Resolutions**

**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**

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James, Brent, Lewis

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Leneus, Pullins, Jr., Brent

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**Ordinances on Second and Final Reading**

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**Resolution**

**I-254** Resolution Waiving the Twenty Day Effective Period on Ordinance Numbers 14 and 15 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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City Council Chairman

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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  
  
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 Monday, April 10th  
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**Regular Official**  
**Meetings**  
**6:00PM**

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**City Council Reorganization Meeting**  
**Monday, January 1, 2024**  
**@ Noon**

**Amended 1.23.2023**