

CITY OF EAST ORANGE
THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, October 30, 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 HEARING

PRESENTATIONS

MINUTES

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Correspondence received October 26, 2023, from State of New Jersey Department of Health submitting a copy of a Notice of CareWell Health Medical Center's (CareWell's) Financial State, pursuant to Public Law (P.L.) 2019 chapter 512, which amended P.L. 2008, chapter 58 (C.26:2H-5.1a).
2. Correspondence received October 18, 2023, from LSRP Environmental Consulting, LLC, regarding Public Participation Plan, Frankie's Auto Repair, 157 Hoffman Blvd., Block 117, Lot 1; East Orange, Essex County NJ 07017; Program Interest # 021315.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES RECEIVED

East Orange Public Library Board of Trustees – September 14, 2023 (Video Conference)

REPORT OF OFFICERS

NONE

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

ARTS, RECREATION and CULTURAL AFFAIRS – BERGSON LENEUS

James, Brent, Lewis

No Resolutions

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING – CHRISTOPHER D. JAMES

Leneus, Pullins, Jr., Brent

Resolutions

- I-333** Resolution Designating Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, as Redeveloper of Certain Property Known as Block 720, Lots 58, 59 and 60 on the Official Tax Maps of the City of East Orange
- I-334** Resolution Amending I-175 of 2020 and I-224 of 2020 Which Designated Garden State Episcopal Community Development Corporation as Redeveloper for Certain Properties Located in the Greenwood Redevelopment Area
- I-335** Resolution Amending, I-138 Which Authorized the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of East Orange and Legacy Urban Development, LLC for the Property Identified on the Tax Map of the City of East Orange as Block 72, Lot 25, Commonly Known as 41-49 Fourth Avenue

FINANCE – VERNON PULLINS, JR.

Lewis, Holman, Gomez

Resolutions

- I-336** Payroll #21
- I-4** Bill Approval and Payment Listing (10.30.23)
- I-337** Resolution of Certification of Annual Audit Report for Calendar Year Period Ending December 31, 2022, and December 31, 2021
- I-338** A Corrective Action Plan for the Calendar Year Period Ended December 31, 2022

FINANCE – VERNON PULLINS, JR. - Continued

Lewis, Holman, Gomez

Resolutions

- I-339** Resolution Appointing the East Orange Municipal Public Defenders
- I-340** Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of Request for Qualification Proposals for Various Professional and Consultant Services
- I-341** Confirmation of Re-appointment - Chandra L. Rainey Cole in the position of Municipal Court Judge
- I-342** Resolution Authorizing the Installation and Upgrade of the East Orange Municipal Courthouse Video Surveillance Security System, Through the Union County Co-Op
- I-343** Duplicate Tax Payment

HEALTH and EDUCATION – MUSTAFA AL-M. BRENT

Claybrooks, Gomez, James

No Resolutions

HOUSING, LICENSING and INSPECTION – BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS

Holman, Leneus, Pullins, Jr.

Resolution

- I-344** Resolution Authorizing and Ratifying a Contract to Utilize Spatial Data Logic Software System Services for the Department of Code Enforcement

PLANNING and GRANTS – TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD

Gomez, Claybrooks, Holman

Resolution

- I-345** Resolution Amending Resolution I-268 of 2023 for an Award of Contract to Nishuane Group, LLC for Professional Planning Consultant Services

PUBLIC SAFETY – AMY LEWIS

Brent, James, Garrett-Ward

No Resolutions

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

ARTS, RECREATION and CULTURAL AFFAIRS – BERGSON LENEUS

James, Brent, Lewis

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT and ZONING – CHRISTOPHER D. JAMES

Leneus, Pullins, Jr., Brent

FINANCE – VERNON PULLINS, JR.

Lewis, Holman, Gomez

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Resolution

I-346 Resolution Authorizing an Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for the 9-1-1 Ani-Ali Interface System Provided by Spok Inc. for the Department of Public Safety

PUBLIC WORKS – CASIM GOMEZ

Pullins, Jr., Garrett-Ward, Claybrooks

LAW AND LEGISLATION – ALICIA HOLMAN

Garrett-Ward, Lewis, Leneus

Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinance No. 27 of 2023

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 19 of 2023 of the City of East Orange, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Granting a Deed of Easement to Brick Church Urban Renewal III, LLC and Brick Church Urban Renewal VII, LLC

Ordinance No. 28 of 2023

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21 of the City Code Entitled “Court” to Authorize the Appointment of Two Additional Municipal Court Judges

Ordinance No. 29 of 2023

Bond Ordinance Providing for Phase II of the Lead Service Line Replacement Program of the East Orange Water Commission, for and by the City of East Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey Appropriating \$25,000,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$25,000,000 Bonds or Notes to Finance the Cost Thereof

Ordinance No. 30 of 2023

An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 218 of the City Code Entitled “Rent Control & Conversions”

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.

This Meeting of the East Orange City Council will be conducted via video conference, streaming on Facebook Live-facebook.com/eocitycouncil. Residents may submit a written public comment or question via email to be read during the “Open Hearing of Citizens” portion of the meeting. Comments/questions are to be emailed in advance to citycouncil@eastorange-nj.gov by 5:30 PM.

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

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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

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

Amended 1.23.2023