

CITY OF EAST ORANGE
THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 13, 2020

6:00 P.M.

CHRISTOPHER D. JAMES
City Council Chairman

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ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

SILENT PRAYER

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PRESENTATIONS

MINUTES

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Correspondence received January 13, 2020 from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Unregulated Heating Oil Tank Program regarding Area of Concern: One 550-gallon #2 Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank System Unrestricted Use – No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue, Block 530, Lot 35, 32 Amherst Street, East Orange City, Essex County, Program Interest #836770, Activity Number: CSP190001, Communications Center Number: 19-08-22-1415-28.
2. Correspondence received January 13, 2020 from EnviroTrac Environmental Services regarding Public Notification LNA Facility No. 57347 – 100 Central Avenue, East Orange, Essex County, NJ Block 190, Lot 1 NJDEP Case #91-03-14-0906 NJDEP PI #006264.
3. Correspondence received January 13, 2020 from EnviroTrac Environmental Services regarding Public Notification LNA Facility No. 57202 – 556 William Street, East Orange, Essex County, NJ Block 660, Lot 2 NJDEP Case #06-06-08-1446-18; 07-05-14-1309-54 NJDEP PI #006263.
4. Correspondence received January 6, 2020 from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Unregulated Heating Oil Tank Program regarding Area of Concern: One 550-gallon #2 Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank System Unrestricted Use – No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue, Block 771, Lot 21, 84 Telford, East Orange City, Essex County, Program Interest #837223, Activity Number: CSP190001, Communications Center Number: 19-10-21-1022-01.
5. Correspondence received December 31, 2019 from MDS Morris-Downing-Sherred, LLP regarding Notice of Discharge of Municipal Mechanics Lien, East Orange Golf Course Clubhouse Project, Contract No. C5-00095 Carson Corporation v. Precision Building and Construction, LLC et al., Index No. ESX-C-171-18.
6. Correspondence received December 31, 2019 from the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders submitting a copy of **Ordinance No. O-2019-00017** – “Ordinance Establishing an Essex County Correctional Facility Civilian Task Force”, **Ordinance No. O-2019-00018** – “Ordinance Amending the Essex County District Solid Waste Management Plan” and **Ordinance No. O-2019-00019** – “An Ordinance Appropriating \$1.1 Million by the County of Essex for the Construction of the Riverbank Park Building”.
7. Correspondence received December 23, 2019 from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Unregulated Heating Oil Tank Program regarding Area of Concern: One 550-gallon #2 Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank System Unrestricted Use – No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue, Block 20, Lot 18, 103 Hollywood Avenue, East Orange City, Essex County, Program Interest #835221, Activity Number: CSP190001, Communications Center Number: 19-10-07-0815-30.
8. Correspondence received December 23, 2020 from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Unregulated Heating Oil Tank Program regarding Area of Concern: One 550-gallon #2 Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank System Unrestricted Use – No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue, Block 492, Lot 34, 205 Amherst Street, East Orange City, Essex County, Program Interest #834791, Activity Number: CSP190001, Communications Center Number: 19-08-19-1637-03.
9. Correspondence received December 19, 2019 from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Unregulated Heating Oil Tank Program regarding Area of Concern: One 550-gallon #2 Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank System Unrestricted Use – No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue, Block 21, Lot 4, 155 Steuben Street, East Orange City, Essex County, Program Interest #834907, Activity Number: CSP190001, Communications Center Number: 19-07-23-1105-15.
10. Correspondence received December 19, 2019 from the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders submitting a copy of **Ordinance No. O-2019-00020** – “Ordinance Establishing the Year 2020 Fee Schedule of the Essex County Parks and Recreation Facilities”.
11. Correspondence received December 19, 2019 from Joint Meeting submitting the Annual Financial Report for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 and Minutes from the Meeting of October 17, 2019.

MAYOR’S COMMUNICATIONS

None

BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES RECEIVED

East Orange Public Library – Regular Meeting – December 12, 2019
Planning Board Minutes – December 4, 2019

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Tax Collector Revenue Monthly Accumulation of Revenue – 2019 Report

Constable Reports

December

Mujahid Abdul Haqq
William H. Cotton, Sr.
Derrick Barrett
Tracy Williams
Emislair Rosalva
Todd Thompson

November

Mujahid Abdul-Haqq
Emislair Rosalva

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

ARTS, RECREATION and CULTURAL AFFAIRS –TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD

Pullins, Brent, Lewis

Resolutions

- I-13 Joseph Giles, Memorial
- I-14 Arthur F. Powell, Memorial
- I-15 Bishop William Cahoon, 25th Anniversary
- I-16 Reverend Ella Coriner Steplight Johnson, 80th Birthday
- I-17 Harold William Brown, Memorial
- I-18 Kevin Jeff Brown (Master Kevin Thompson), Memorial

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING – CASIM GOMEZ

Awe, Claybrooks, Brent

Resolutions

- I-19 Confirmation of Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment – Bridgett Green – Alternate #1
- I-20 Confirmation of Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment – Nadia Moses – Alternate 4
- I-21 Confirmation of Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment – Shirley McClinton
- I-22 Confirmation of Reappointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment – Merolyn Kelly
- I-23 Resolution Authorizing the Determination of Need for 500 North Walnut Street

FINANCE – CHRISTOPHER AWE

Lewis, Pullins, Holman

Resolutions

- I-24 Payroll # 26
- I-25 Payroll #1
- I-26 Authorized Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employees - \$110,223.93
- I-27 Resolution Designating Defense Litigation, Workers Compensation and Special Conflict Counsel Through Claims Resolution, Inc. The City's Third-Party Insurance Administrator
- I-28 Resolution Awarding Professional Service Contracts for Special Labor Counsel
- I-29 Resolution Awarding Professional Services Contract for Tax Foreclosure Counsel to Goldberg, Mackler, Sayegh, Mintz, Pfeffer, Bonchi and Gill

FINANCE – CHRISTOPHER AWE - Continued

Lewis, Pullins, Holman

Resolutions

- I-30 Resolution Awarding Professional Service Contracts for Tax Appeal Defense Counsel
- I-31 Resolution Awarding Professional Services Contract for Redevelopment Special Legal Counsel for the City of East Orange
- I-32 Resolution Fixing the Interest Rate on Delinquent Taxes
- I-33 Miscellaneous Refund
- I-34 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Services Through a Cooperative Pricing System
- I-4 Bill Approval & Payment Listing

HEALTH and EDUCATION – BERGSON LENEUS

Garrett-Ward, Holman, Claybrooks

Resolutions

- I-35 Confirmation of Reappointment to the Board of Health – Tobbia Corbitt
- I-36 Confirmation of Reappointment to the Board of Health – Christine Harris
- I-37 Confirmation of Reappointment to the Board of Health – Angela Jones Williams
- I-38 Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 1, 2020 – June 20, 2021

HOUSING, LICENSING and INSPECTION – ALICIA HOLMAN

Claybrooks, Gomez, Leneus

No Resolutions

PLANNING and GRANTS – BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS

Gomez, Leneus, Garrett-Ward

No Resolutions

PUBLIC SAFETY – AMY LEWIS

Brent, Garrett-Ward, Pullins

No Resolutions

PUBLIC WORKS – MUSTAFA AL-M. BRENT

Holman, Awe, Gomez

No Resolutions

LAW AND LEGISLATION – VERNON PULLINS, JR.

Leneus, Lewis, Awe

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 – TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD

Pullins, Brent, Lewis

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT and ZONING – CASIM GOMEZ

Awe, Claybrooks, Brent

Resolution

- I-39** Resolution to Amend and Clarify Ordinance 23 of 2017 Approving the Long-Term Tax Exemption and Financial Agreement Between the City of East Orange and SBF Estate Urban Renewal, LLC for 14-18 North Clinton Street Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq

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Ordinances of First Reading

Ordinance No. 1 of 2020

An Ordinance to Transfer City Owned Lots to DC Essex Investments, LLC in the Greenwood Avenue Redevelopment Areas Under the Auspices of N.J.S.A. 40:12A-1 et seq, Known as the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law

Ordinance No. 2 of 2020

An Ordinance to Transfer City Owned Lots to Kae Victus, LLC in the Sussex Avenue Redevelopment Areas Under the Auspices of N.J.S.A. 40:12A-1 et seq, Known as the Local Redevelopment Law

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.

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EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL Public Meeting Dates 2020

East Orange City Hall
44 City Hall Plaza | East Orange, NJ 07018
Phone: 973-266-5120

& Times / 5:30 PM COMMITTEE DISCUSSION & AGENDA MEETINGS
6:00 PM REGULAR OFFICIAL MEETINGS



Meetings are held every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month.
Residents are Encouraged to Attend.

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 2020 Meeting Dates.

Formal action may take place at these Meetings. Executive Sessions may be held at Committee Meetings or at Regular Meetings. The Meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers located at 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange, New Jersey. 07018

- MONDAY, JANUARY 13th
- MONDAY, JANUARY 27th
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24th
- 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 13th
- MONDAY, JULY 27th
- 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 14th
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 28th

**CITY COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021
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