

CITY OF EAST ORANGE
THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, September 12, 2022
6:00 P.M.

CHRISTOPHER AWE
City Council Chairman

First Ward

Christopher D. James
Amy Lewis

Second Ward

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Brittany D. Claybrooks

Third Ward

Bergson Leneus
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ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

SILENT PRAYER

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance No. 26 of 2022

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PRESENTATIONS

MINUTES

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Essex County Board of Taxation Spread Sheet received on September 12, 2022.
2. Report of Audit Years ended December 31, 2021, and 2020, received on September 9, 2022, from PKF O'Connor Davies.
3. Correspondence received September 6, 2022, from Joint Meeting submitting a copy of the Minutes from the Meeting of April 21, 2022, Annual User Charge Appointment Report for the year 2021, Annual Financial Audit Report for the years ended December 31, 2020, and 2019, Minutes from the Meeting of May 19, 2022, Annual Operational Report for the year 2021 and the Minutes from the Meeting of June 16, 2022.
4. Correspondence received August 31, 2022, from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Contaminated Site Remediation and Redevelopment regarding Soil Remedial Action Permit Transfer/Change of Property Ownership; Site: Scientific Packaging Corporation; A/K/A: Industrial Building at 2-8 Central Avenue; Address: 2-8 Central Avenue; City: East Orange City; County: Essex; SRP Program Interest #: 022091; Soil Remedial Action Permit #: RAP220001 (Supersedes RAP210001) Block: 23 Lot: 3.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

1. Correspondence dated August 30, 2022, appointing Justin Brown to serve in the position of Deputy Clerk for a term of office coterminous with the office of the mayor.
2. Correspondence dated August 26, 2022, and received on August 29, 2022, from Mayor Ted R. Green, advising Mr. McKnight's last day of service will be Friday, August 26, 2022, and thanking Mr. McKnight for the many years of service on the Parking Authority.
3. Correspondence dated August 24, 2022, appointing Yvonne Blake to serve in the position of acting Director of Health and Human Services for a 45-day period, effective August 22, 2022

BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES RECEIVED

East Orange Public Library Board of Trustees – June 9, 2022 (via Video Conference)

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Constable Reports - August

Muraad Rasheed

Derrick Barrett

Constable Reports – May, June, July

Devin Drake

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

ARTS, RECREATION and CULTURAL AFFAIRS – BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS

Lewis, Gomez, Garrett-Ward

Resolution

I-304

Resolution Authorizing the Rejection of a Bid to Contract for the Child & Adult Care Food Program Services and Authorizing the Re-Bidding of the Child & Adult Care Food Program Services

ARTS, RECREATION and CULTURAL AFFAIRS – BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS - Continued

Lewis, Gomez, Garrett-Ward

- Resolution** **I-305** Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Contract for the Child & Adult Care Food Program Service

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING – CASIM GOMEZ

Leneus, Brent, James

- Resolutions** **I-306** Resolution Designating Polaris American Real Estate, LLC as Redeveloper of 11 and 37 North 18th Street and Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement
- I-307** Resolution Authorizing the Conditional Designation of SBF Estates Urban Renewal, LLC as Redeveloper for 38 North Clinton Street
- I-308** Resolution Amending I-131 of 2022 which designated Don Pedro Development Corporation as Redeveloper for 81 Eaton Place and Authorized the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with Don Pedro Development

FINANCE – VERNON PULLINS, JR.

Holman, James, Lewis

- Resolutions** **I-309** Payroll #17
- I-310** Payroll #18
- I-4** Bill Approval and Payment Listing (9.12.2022)
- I-311** Resolution to Cancel Grants Receivable and Appropriated Reserve Balances
- I-312** Authorized Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employees - \$119,164.43
- I-313** Amending Resolution I-270-2022 Authorizing Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employees - \$67,074.71
- I-314** Miscellaneous Refund - \$100.00
- I-315** Tax Appeal Refunds - \$145,136.36
- I-316** Duplicate Tax Payments - \$38,878.10
- I-317** Electronic Tax Sale
- I-318** Resolution Authorizing the City to Purchase Two 2022 Ford Escape S Model AWD Vehicles for the Department of Health and Human Services
- I-319** Resolution Authorizing the City to Purchase One 2023 4DR 4WD Ford Explorer Vehicle for the Department of Health and Human Services

HEALTH and EDUCATION – TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD

Brent, Claybrooks, Leneus

No Resolutions

HOUSING, LICENSING and INSPECTION – CHRISTOPHER D. JAMES

Garrett-Ward, Leneus, Claybrooks

- Resolution** **I-320** Confirmation of Appointment - Able Rumph to the East Orange Housing Authority representing the Fifth Ward

PLANNING and GRANTS – BERGSON LENUS

James, Pullins, Holman

No Resolutions

PUBLIC SAFETY – AMY LEWIS

Pullins, Garrett-Ward, Brent

Resolutions

- I-321 Resolution Supporting an Application Seeking Up to \$75,000. In Funding from the NJ Department of Community Affairs Firefighter Grant
- I-322 Confirmation of Appointment – David Williams – Coordinator of Emergency Management

PUBLIC WORKS – MUSTAFA AL-M. BRENT

Claybrooks, Holman, Gomez

Resolutions

- I-323 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Nature’s Choice Corporation for Brush and Tree Part Removal and Disposal
- I-324 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contact for Hauling and Disposal of Leaves to Nature’s Choice Corporation
- I-325 Resolution Authorizing the Change Order No 1 for the City Council Flooring Replacement
- I-326 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to John Matthes Septic Pumping for the Removal of Sanitary Septic System Waste
- I-327 Resolution Authorizing the Rental of Various Trucks Through HERC Rentals, Inc. Under the NJ State Contract #GS=0020T
- I-328 Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to Contract #5878 for the Renovation of Three Firehouses, #2, #3 & #5

LAW AND LEGISLATION – ALICIA HOLMAN

Gomez, Lewis, Pullins

Resolutions

- I-329 Confirmation of Appointment – Marjani Jones to the East Orange Parking Authority representing the First Ward
- I-330 Confirmation of Appointment - Crystal G. Booker to the East Orange Parking Authority representing the Third Ward
- I-331 Resolution Amending Resolution I-231-2022 Confirming the Mayor’s Appointments to the East Orange Parking Authority
- I-332 Confirmation of the Mayor’s Appointment – Derrick Samuels to the East Orange Parking Authority
- I-333 Confirmation of Appointment of Sherkera Lucas to the East Orange Water Commission representing the Fourth Ward
- I-334 Confirmation of Appointment of Kevin T. Mickens to the Board of Cannabis Control

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 – BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS

Lewis, Gomez, Garrett-Ward

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT and ZONING – CASIM GOMEZ

Leneus, Brent, James

FINANCE – VERNON PULLINS, JR.

Holman, James, Lewis

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Pullins, Garrett-Ward, Bent

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Ordinances on Second and Final Reading

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Resolution

I-335 Resolution Waving the Twenty Day Effective Period on Ordinance No.26 of 2022

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 2022 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 2022 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 Meetings 5:30PM

Monday, January 10th
Monday, January 24th

Monday, February 14th
Monday, February 28th

Monday, March 14th
Monday, March 28th

Monday, April 11th
Monday, April 25th

Monday, May 9th
Tuesday, May 23rd

Monday, June 13th
Monday, June 27th

Monday, July 11th
Monday, July 25th

Monday, August 8th
Monday, August 22nd

Monday, September 12th
Monday, September 26th

Tuesday, October 11th
Monday, October 24th

Tuesday, November 14th
Monday, November 28th

Monday, December 12th
Monday, December 19th

Regular Official Meetings 6:00PM

Monday, January 10th
Monday, January 24th (Virtual)

Monday, February 14th (Virtual)
Monday, February 28th (Virtual)

Monday, March 14th (Virtual)
Monday, March 28th (Virtual)

Monday, April 11th
Monday, April 25th

Monday, May 9th
Tuesday, May 23rd

Monday, June 13th
Monday, June 27th

Monday, July 11th
Monday, July 25th

Monday, August 8th
Monday, August 22nd

Monday, September 12th
Monday, September 26th

Tuesday, October 11th
Monday, October 24th

Tuesday, November 14th
Monday, November 28th

Monday, December 12th
Monday, December 19th

City Council Reorganization Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2023
@ 5:30 PM