

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

**Monday, September 26, 2022**  
**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**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**MINUTES**

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Correspondence received September 22, 2022, from INTEX Environmental Group, Inc. regarding PI #018713, East Orange Auto, Inc; CEA/WRA.
2. Correspondence received September 21, 2022, from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification, NJDEP Case Number: 22-09-20-0929-46.

**MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Correspondence dated September 15, 2022, appointing Solomon Steplight, City Administrator to serve as Acting Mayor effective Friday, September 16, 2022, through Wednesday, September 21, 2022.

**BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES RECEIVED**

None

**REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**Constable Reports**

William H. Cotton

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**ARTS, RECREATION and CULTURAL AFFAIRS – BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS**

Lewis, Gomez, Garrett-Ward

**Resolutions**

- I-336** East Orange High School 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion – Commendation
- I-337** Allen Motley - Retirement

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING – CASIM GOMEZ**

Leneus, Brent, James

**Resolutions**

- I-338** Resolution Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding and Right of Entry Agreement With Masjid As-Haabul Yameen, Inc.
- I-339** Authorization of a Resolution of Need for the Proposed Affordable Housing Project at 46-50 East Park Street in the City of East Orange

**FINANCE – VERNON PULLINS, JR.**

Holman, James, Lewis

**Resolutions**

- I-340** Payroll #19
- I-4** Bill Approval and Payment Listing (9.26.2022)
- I-341** Authorized Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employees - \$12,025.73
- I-342** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- I-343** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Home Investment Partnerships Grant (HOME)

**FINANCE – VERNON PULLINS, JR. - Continued**

Holman, James, Lewis

**Resolutions**

- I-344** Resolution of the City Council of the City of East Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (The Local Unit) Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-46 and 40A:4-48 to Appropriate the Local Unit's Allocable Share of the Unfunded Portion of Phase I of the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties in an Amount Not to Exceed \$899,016.00
- I-345** Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to E-Z Go Division of Textron, Inc. 1451 Marvin Griffin Road, Augusta, Georgia 30906 for the Lease of Golf Carts for the East Orange Golf Course Located at 44 Parsonage Hill Road, Livingston, New Jersey

**HEALTH and EDUCATION – TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD**

Brent, Claybrooks, Leneus

**No Resolutions**

**HOUSING, LICENSING and INSPECTION – CHRISTOPHER D. JAMES**

Garrett-Ward, Leneus, Claybrooks

**No Resolutions**

**PLANNING and GRANTS – BERGSON LENUS**

James, Pullins, Holman

**Resolutions**

- I-346** Resolution Authorizing the Award to Alpha Drones USA, Inc. to Facilitate Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Part 107 Remote Pilot Certification Training for East Orange Residents
- I-347** Resolution Amending Resolution I-180 of 2022 Amending Contract for Professional Planning Consultant Services to Nishuane Group, LLC
- I-348** Resolution to Authorize the Submission of a Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the FY2023 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program

**PUBLIC SAFETY – AMY LEWIS**

Pullins, Garrett-Ward, Brent

**Resolution**

- I-349** Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Regular Patrol Duty Bulley Proof Vests for Police Officers

**PUBLIC WORKS – MUSTAFA AL-M. BRENT**

Claybrooks, Holman, Gomez

**Resolution**

- I-350** Resolution Authorizing the City to Advertise for the Citywide Sidewalk Construction – Phase I

**LAW AND LEGISLATION – ALICIA HOLMAN**

Gomez, Lewis, Pullins

**Resolutions**

- I-351** Resolution Authorizing the Settlement of a Workers Compensation Litigation Matter (\$314,800.00)
- I-352** Resolution Authorizing the Settlement of a Workers Compensation Litigation Matter (\$295,250.00)
- I-353** Resolution Authorizing the Settlement of a Workers Compensation Litigation Matter (\$50,781.00)
- I-354** Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Litigation In the Matter of Lawsoft, Inc. v. SHI International Corp. v. City of East Orange, et als (\$240,000)

**LAW AND LEGISLATION – ALICIA HOLMAN - Continued**

Gomez, Lewis, Pullins

**Resolutions**

**I-355** Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Litigation in the Matter of Earl Clemons v. City of East Orange, et als (\$60,000)

**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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**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  
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 10<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>  
  
Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>  
  
Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>  
  
Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>  
  
Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
  
Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>  
  
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Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>  
  
Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

**Regular Official  
Meetings**  
6:00PM

Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> (Virtual)  
  
Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> (Virtual)  
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**City Council Reorganization Meeting  
Monday, January 9, 2023  
@ 5:30 PM**