

CITY OF EAST ORANGE
THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, May 8, 2023
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

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ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

SILENT PRAYER

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance No. 8 of 2023

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An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 12 of 2013 to remove a Deed Restriction

CY 2023 Budget

PRESENTATIONS

MINUTES

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Correspondence received May 8, 2023, Verdantas formerly JM Sorge regarding Soil Remedial Action Protectiveness/Biennial Certification Form; Remedial Action Permit Contact Information Change Form; 100 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, East Orange, NJ 07017; NJDEP Case No. RAP190002, PI # 732067, JMS Project No. 2016.050.
2. Correspondence received April 27, 2023, from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation announcing that applications will be accepted for the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Fiscal Year 2024 State Aid Programs.
3. Correspondence received April 27, 2023, from Connell Foley regarding Corinthian Towers Preservation, LLC; 67 South Munn Avenue, East Orange, NJ.
4. Correspondence received April 26, 2023, from the County of Essex Division of Environmental Affairs General Mosquito question and answer sheet.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

1. Correspondence received May 4, 2023, appointing and requesting confirmation of Wanda Watson to serve in the position of a Member of the Housing Authority Commission filling the unexpired term of Cassandra Chapman, term ending December 31, 2024.
2. Correspondence received April 20, 2023, appointing Shantika Dorsey to serve in the position of Acting First Assistant Corporation Counsel for a 45-day period, beginning April 1, 2023.

BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES RECEIVED

East Orange Zoning Board.....March 8, 2023, via Zoom
 East Orange Zoning Board.....January 11, 2023, via Zoom
 East Orange Zoning Board.....January 11, 2023 – Reorganization Meeting via Zoom

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

No Resolutions

FINANCE – VERNON PULLINS, JR.

Lewis, Holman, Gomez

Resolutions

I-150 Payroll #9

I-4 Bill Approval and Payment Listing – 5/08/23

FINANCE – VERNON PULLINS, JR. - continue

Lewis, Holman, Gomez

Resolutions

- I-151 Budget Resolution to be Read by Title
- I-152 Duplicate Tax Payments - \$6,707.18
- I-153 Resolution Authorizing A Professional Agreement between the City of East Orange and Benecke Economics
- I-154 Authorize Temporary Emergency Appropriations Pursuant to N.J.S.A.4-1 Et Seq (The Local Budget Law)
- I-155 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to AB Designs Contracting Corporation for the Year 2020 Capital Improvement Project at the Main Public Library for the City of East Orange
- I-156 Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employees - \$33,130.20
- I-157 Resolution Authorizing Contract Award for the East Orange Gospel Concert

HEALTH and EDUCATION – MUSTAFA AL-M. BRENT

Claybrooks, Gomez, James

Resolution

- I-158 Resolution Authorizing the Award of an Additional Non-Fair and Open Contract for Special Senior Services Program for 2023

HOUSING, LICENSING and INSPECTION – BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS

Holman, Leneus, Pullins, Jr.

No Resolutions

PLANNING and GRANTS – TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD

Gomez, Claybrooks, Holman

Resolutions

- I-159 Resolution Approving the Application and Acceptance of the JJDP Summer Expansion Program Grant Application
- I-160 Resolution Authorizing and Awarding a Non-Fair and Open Contract to Big Belly Solar, LLC for Solar Powered Smart Compactor Receptacle Bins

PUBLIC SAFETY – AMY LEWIS

Brent, James, Garrett-Ward

No Resolutions

PUBLIC WORKS – CASIM GOMEZ

Pullins, Jr., Garrett-Ward, Claybrooks

Resolutions

- I-161 Resolution Accepting the Donation of Trees to the City of East Orange
- I-162 Authorizing Bid Advertisement for ADA & Inlet Compliance
- I-163 Authorizing Bid Advertisement for Oval Park Improvements
- I-164 Resolution Recognizing May 12, 2023, as Provider Care Day

LAW AND LEGISLATION – ALICIA HOLMAN

Garrett-Ward, Lewis, Leneus

Resolution

- I-165 2023 City Council Rules

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

Resolution

I-166 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Amended and Restated Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of East Orange and 440 MLK Dr. LLC for Certain Property Identified on the Tax Map of the City of East Orange Block 370, Lots 2, 2.01, 33.01 and 34, Commonly Known as 444 and 440 MLK Blvd and 10 and 12 North Clinton Street

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Lewis, Holman, Gomez

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Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinance No. 11 of 2023

An Ordinance to Readopt Article I, Chapter 247 of the Code of the City of East Orange Entitled “Five Year Tax Exemptions and Abatements

Ordinance No. 12 of 2023

An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Article III, Chapter 260-17 of the City Code Entitled “Angle Parking”

Ordinances on Second and Final Reading

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Resolution

I-167 20-day waiver Resolution – Ordinance No. 9 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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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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 Monday, December 18th

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

Amended 1.23.2023