

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

**Monday, January 27, 2020**

**5:30 P.M.**

**(Minutes from the Meeting of January 13, 2020)**

**CHRISTOPHER D. JAMES  
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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The following minutes are of necessity, condensed and abridged and do not purport to contain the full contents of the matters discussed. The items referred are subject to legal opinion as to validity.

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
January 13, 2020**

The East Orange City Council met on January 13, 2020 at 5:35 P.M. in City Council Chambers, 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange, and New Jersey. Adequate notice of such meeting was duly given in accordance with law, by publication in local newspapers and by posting on the bulletin board outside and within City Council Chambers.

**On Roll Call the following Members of Council were present:**

Mustafa Al-M Brent; Vernon Pullins, Jr.; Tameika Garrett-Ward; Bergson Leneus; Alicia Holman; Christopher Awe; Brittany Claybrooks

**ABSENT**

Casim L. Gomez (arrived @5:36)

Amy Lewis

Christopher D. James (arrived @ 5:40)

**CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Ted R. Green, Mayor

Solomon Steplight, City Administrator

Juan Uribe, CFO

Ryan Lider, Corporation Counsel

Dominigos Saldida, Director

Andre Williams, Chief

Monique Griffith, Director

Romal Bullock, Director

Mabelteen Tucker, Director

Mark Barner, Director

Carolyn R. Reed, Director

Renee Muhammad, Director

Mayor's Office

City Administrator

Finance Department

Law Department

Public Safety

Fire Department

Health and Human Services

Tax Assessor

Human Resources

Property Maintenance

East Orange Public Library

Recreation

**ALSO PRESENT**

Tony Jackson

Muzammil M. Stevens

Honorable Quilla E. Talmadge

Tracy Munford

Justin Brown

Victor Kutey

Mayor's Office

Public Works

Former 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilwoman

City Council

Mayor's Office

Health Department

There were 20 Citizens in attendance.

**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, shall give his/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.

No Comments

**COMMITTEES**

100-ARTS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

200-BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING

300-FINANCE

400-HEALTH AND EDUCATION

500-HOUSING, LICENSING AND INSPECTION

600-LAW AND LEGISLATION

700-PLANNING AND GRANTS

800-PUBLIC SAFETY

900-PUBLIC WORKS

1000-COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

100 - ARTS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS  
TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD-CHAIRWOMAN  
Pullins, Brent, Lewis

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|------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 101. | Recreation Department                                     | In Committee                      |
| 102. | East Orange Public Library                                | In Committee                      |
| 103. | Joseph Giles, Memorial                                    | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 104. | Arthur F. Powell, Memorial                                | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 105. | Bishop William Cahoon, 25th Anniversary                   | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 106. | Reverend Ella Coriner Steplight Johnson,<br>80th Birthday | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 107. | Harold William Brown, Memorial                            | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 108. | Kevin Jeff Brown (Master Kevin Thompson)<br>Memorial      | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

200 - BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING  
CASIM GOMEZ – CHAIRMAN  
Awe, Claybrooks, Brent

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| 201. | Brick Church Mall                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | In Committee                      |
| 202. | Brick Church Urban Renewal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | In Committee                      |
| 203. | Economic Development Corp.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | In Committee                      |
| 204. | Board of Adjustment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | In Committee                      |
| 205. | Community Development Corp.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | In Committee                      |
| 206. | Sanford Evergreen Connector                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | In Committee                      |
| 207. | Confirmation of Reappointment to<br>the Zoning Board of Adjustment<br>Bridgett Green – Alternate #1                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 208. | Confirmation of Reappointment to<br>the Zoning Board of Adjustment<br>Nadia Moses – Alternate 4                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 209. | Confirmation of Reappointment to<br>the Zoning Board of Adjustment<br>Shirley McClinton                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 210. | Confirmation of Reappointment to<br>the Zoning Board of Adjustment<br>Merolyn Kelly                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 211. | Resolution Authorizing the Determination<br>of Need for 500 North Walnut Street                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 212. | Resolution to Amend and Clarify<br>Ordinance 23 of 2017 Approving the<br>Long-Term Tax Exemption and Financial<br>Agreement Between the City of East Orange<br>and SBF Estate Urban Renewal, LLC for<br>14-18 North Clinton Street Pursuant to<br>N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

300 - FINANCE  
CHRISTOPHER AWE – CHAIRMAN  
Lewis, Pullins, Holman

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|------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 301. | Personnel            | In Committee                      |
| 302. | Tax Refund           | In Committee                      |
| 303. | Labor Negotiations   | In Committee                      |
| 304. | Tax Revaluation      | In Committee                      |
| 305. | Tax Sale Certificate | In Committee                      |
| 306. | In Rem Foreclosure   | In Committee                      |
| 307. | Payroll No. 26       | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 307. | Payroll No. 1        | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 308. | Stop Payments        | In Committee                      |

300 – FINANCE - Continued  
CHRISTOPHER AWE – CHAIRMAN  
Lewis, Pullins, Holman

309.	Legal Transfer	In Committee
310.	Tax Payment Plan	In Committee
311.	Tax Appeal Refund	In Committee
312.	Annual Tax Sale	In Committee
313.	Tax Abatement	In Committee
314.	In Lieu of Taxes	In Committee
<b>315.</b>	<b>Bills, Claims &amp; Appropriations – 1/13/2020</b>	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
316.	Tax Sale Assignment	In Committee
317.	Tax Lien	In Committee
318.	Tax Lien Redemption	In Committee
319.	Budget Insertions	In Committee
320.	Status of Women	In Committee
321.	Auction	In Committee
322.	Duplicate Tax Payments	In Committee
<b>323.</b>	<b>Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employee</b>	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
<b>324.</b>	<b>Resolution Designating Defense Litigation, Workers Compensation and Special Conflict Counsel Through Claims Resolution, Inc. The City's Third-Party Insurance Administrator</b>	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
<b>325.</b>	<b>Resolution Awarding Professional Service Contracts for Special Labor Counsel</b>	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
<b>326.</b>	<b>Resolution Awarding Professional Services Contract for Tax Foreclosure Counsel to Goldberg, Mackler, Sayegh, Mintz, Pfeffer, Bonchi and Gill</b>	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
<b>327.</b>	<b>Resolution Awarding Professional Service Contracts for Tax Appeal Defense Counsel</b>	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
<b>328.</b>	<b>Resolution Awarding Professional Services Contract for Redevelopment Special Legal Counsel for the City of East Orange</b>	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
<b>329.</b>	<b>Resolution Fixing the Interest Rate on Delinquent Taxes</b>	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
<b>330.</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Refund</b>	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
<b>331.</b>	<b>Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Services Through a Cooperative Pricing System</b>	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>

400 – HEALTH and EDUCATION  
BERGSON LENEUS – CHAIRMAN  
Garrett-Ward, Holman, Claybrooks

401.	Child Guidance Clinic	In Committee
402.	Health Department	In Committee
403.	Mental Health Board	In Committee
404.	East Orange General Hospital	In Committee
405.	East Orange Board of Education	In Committee
<b>406.</b>	<b>Confirmation of Reappointment to the Board of Health – Tobbia Corbitt</b>	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
<b>407.</b>	<b>Confirmation of Reappointment to the Board of Health – Christine Harris</b>	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
<b>408.</b>	<b>Confirmation of Reappointment to the Board of Health – Angela Jones Williams</b>	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>

400 – HEALTH and EDUCATION - Continued  
BERGSON LENEUS – CHAIRMAN  
**Garrett-Ward, Holman, Claybrooks**

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| 409. | Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 1, 2020 – June 20, 2021 | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
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500 – HOUSING, LICENSING AND INSPECTION  
ALICIA HOLMAN – CHAIRWOMAN  
**Claybrooks, Gomez, Leneus**

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| 501. | Rent Leveling                    | In Committee |
| 502. | Affordable Housing Program       | In Committee |
| 503. | Housing Authority                | In Committee |
| 504. | Housing, Planning & Coordinating | In Committee |
| 505. | Private Parking Rentals          | In Committee |
| 506. | Senior Citizens Housing          | In Committee |
| 507. | Housing Summit                   | In Committee |

700 – PLANNING and GRANTS  
BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS – CHAIRWOMAN  
**Gomez, Leneus, Garrett-Ward**

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| 701. | Community Development       | In Committee |
| 702. | Safe and Clean              | In Committee |
| 703. | Small Tools Library         | In Committee |
| 704. | Green Acres Grant           | In Committee |
| 705. | Women's Summit in Committee | In Committee |

800 - PUBLIC SAFETY  
AMY LEWIS – CHAIRWOMAN  
**Brent, Garrett-Ward, Pullins**

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| 801. | Police Department | In Committee |
| 802. | Fire Department   | In Committee |

900 - PUBLIC WORKS  
MUSTAFA AL-BRENT – CHAIRMAN  
**Holman, Awe, Gomez**

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|------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 901. | Capital Improvement Projects | under Construction |
| 902. | Streetscape                  | In Committee       |

600 - LAW AND LEGISLATION  
VERNON PULLINS, JR. – CHAIRMAN  
**Leneus, Lewis, Awe**

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| 601. | Ordinances on First Reading      | <b><u>Ordinance No. 1 of 2020</u></b><br>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<br><br><b><u>Ordinance No. 2 of 2020</u></b><br>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 |
| 602. | Ordinances on Second and Reading | In Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 603. | Bingo/Raffles                    | In Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 604. | A.B.C.                           | In Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 605. | City Council Rules               | In Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

600 - LAW AND LEGISLATION - Continued  
 VERNON PULLINS, JR. – CHAIRMAN  
 Leneus, Lewis, Awe

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| 606. | Settlements                     | In Committee |
| 607. | Comcast/Suburban Cable Contract | In Committee |
| 608. | Taxi Cabs vs. Livery Licenses   | In Committee |

1000– COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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| 1000. | East Orange Parking Authority | In Committee |
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Meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:  
 Cynthia S. Brown, City Clerk



# EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

# Public Meeting Dates 2020

**East Orange City Hall**  
 44 City Hall Plaza | East Orange, NJ 07018  
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& 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	TUESDAY, MAY 26th	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13th
MONDAY, JANUARY 27th	MONDAY, JUNE 8th	MONDAY, OCTOBER 26th
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th	MONDAY, JUNE 22nd	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9th
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24th	MONDAY, JULY 13th	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd
MONDAY, MARCH 9th	MONDAY, JULY 27th	MONDAY, DECEMBER 14th
MONDAY, MARCH 23rd	MONDAY, AUGUST 10th	MONDAY, DECEMBER 28th
MONDAY, APRIL 13th	MONDAY, AUGUST 24th	CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021 @ 6:00 PM
MONDAY, APRIL 27th	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th	
MONDAY, MAY 11th	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th	