

CITY OF EAST ORANGE  
THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 10, 2020

5:30 P.M.

(Minutes from the Meeting of January 27, 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 27, 2020**

The East Orange City Council met on January 27, 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:**

Casim L. Gomez; Mustafa Al-M Brent; Vernon Pullins, Jr.; Tameika Garrett-Ward; Bergson Leneus; Alicia Holman; Christopher Awe; Amy Lewis; Brittany Claybrooks; Christopher D. James

**CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Solomon Steplight, City Administrator	City Administrator
Juan Uribe, CFO	Finance Department
Ryan Linder, Corporation Counsel	Law Department
Dominigos Saldida, Director	Public Safety
Andre Williams, Chief	Fire Department
Romal Bullock, Director	Tax Assessor
Mabelteen Tucker, Director	Human Resources
Mark Barner, Director	Property Maintenance
Carolyn R. Reed, Director	East Orange Public Library
Daniel Jennings, Director	Planning
Christopher Coke, Director	Public Works

**ALSO PRESENT**

Cheryl Hoffman	Tax Collector's Office
Stanley Edwards	Recreation

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 |

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. | Resolution to Advertise for Qualifications to Develop City Hall Plaza  | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 208. | Resolution Amending and Extending the Designation of Jaric Development as Redeveloper for 440 and 444 Dr. MLK, Jr. Blvd Located in the Transit Village Redevelopment Area  | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 209. | Resolution of the City of East Orange, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, Extending the Conditional Designation of Brick Church Developers LLC as Redeveloper for Block 683, Lots 1 & 1.01 and Block 680, Lot 1 Within the Transit Village District | <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. 2                              | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 308. | Stop Payments                              | In Committee                      |
| 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                      |
| 315. | Bills, Claims & Appropriations – 1/27/2020 | <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                      |

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

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|------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 322. | Duplicate Tax Payments - \$3,022.48   | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 323. | Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employee - \$32,607.16 | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

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

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|------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 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                      |
| 406. | Resolution Awarding Psychiatric Services                          | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 407. | Resolution Awarding Cost Estimating Services (Lead Grant Program) | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

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                      |
| 706. | Resolution Authorizing Application to the Essex County Recreation & Open Space Trust Fund for FY20 Essex County Open Space Local Aid Program Funding Towards a Playground Area in the Columbian Park Revitalization Project | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

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

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| 801. | Police Department  | In Committee                      |
| 802. | Fire Department  | In Committee                      |
| 803. | Resolution Authorizing the City to Purchase A Livescan Palmprint Solution  | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 804. | Resolution Authorizing the Auction of Abandoned and Unclaimed Vehicles, "M.T.S. Towing Service"  | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 805. | Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Five (5) 2020 Ford Escape 4DR AWD S(U9F) to Add to Its Current Fleet of the East Orange Police Department Through the Morris County Co-Op | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

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               | <u>Ordinance No. 3 of 2020</u><br>An Ordinance to Regulate Tenant Placement Organizations<br><br><u>Ordinance No. 4 of 2020</u><br>An Ordinance Amending the Name of the Property Maintenance Department<br><br><u>Ordinance No. 5 of 2020</u><br>An Ordinance Creating Comprehensive System for the Review and Approval of Wireless Telecommunication Permits<br><br><u>Ordinance No. 6 of 2020</u><br>An Ordinance of the City of East Orange Municipal Council to Approve the Amended Tax Exemption and to Authorize the Execution of a Second Amended Financial Agreement Between the City of East Orange and Indigo 141 Urban Renewal, LLC<br><br><u>Ordinance No. 7 of 2020</u><br>An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Chapter 156 of the City Code Entitled "Collection and Transportation of Waste" to Provide Guidelines for the Disposal of "Bulk Waste"<br><br><u>Ordinance No. 8 of 2020</u><br>An Ordinance Amending Sections 260-9 of the East Orange City Code to Provide for the Creation of Three Way Stop Signs at Various Intersections |
| 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  |
| 606. | Settlements                               | In Committee  |
| 607. | Comcast/Suburban Cable Contract           | In Committee  |
| 608. | Taxi Cabs vs. Livery Licenses             | In Committee  |
| 609. | Constable Appointment – Charles K. Agudah | <b>Resolution to be presented</b>   |

1000– COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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| 1000. | East Orange Parking Authority | In Committee |
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Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Cynthia S. Brown, City Clerk



# EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL Public Meeting Dates 2020

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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	<b>CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021 @ 6:00 PM</b>
MONDAY, APRIL 27th	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th	
MONDAY, MAY 11th	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th	

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