

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

Monday, February 24, 2020

5:30 P.M.

(Minutes from the Meeting of February 10, 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
February 10, 2020**

The East Orange City Council met on February 10, 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; Brittany Claybrooks; Christopher D. James

ABSENT

Amy Lewis

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
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
Renee Muhammad, Director	Recreation
Monique Griffith, Director	Health and Human Services

ALSO PRESENT

Tony Jackson	Mayor's Office
Justin Brown	Mayor's Office

There were 18 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. | Mohamed "Mo" Elalem – Memorial | Resolution to be presented |
| 104. | Lorraine Barnes – Memorial | Resolution to be presented |
| 105. | Sultan Ali Muhammad – Memorial | Resolution to be presented |
| 106. | Eagle Scout Award – Reginald Speights,
Jr., - Commendation | Resolution to be presented |
| 107. | National Counselors Week – Commendation | Resolution to be presented |
| 108. | Reverend Jordan - 15th Pastoral
Anniversary/Birthday | Resolution to be presented |

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 |

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. 3 | Resolution to be presented |
| 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 – 2/10/2020 | Resolution to be presented |
| 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 - \$978.78 | Resolution to be presented |
| 323. | Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence
Liabilities to Former Employee - \$4,147.03 | Resolution to be presented |
| 324. | Resolution Authorizing Gas Mileage Rate
Reimbursement Rate for City Employees | Resolution to be presented |

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

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| 325. | Resolution Awarding Professional Services Contract for – Municipal Auditor | Resolution to be presented |
| 326. | Resolution Awarding Professional Service Contract for – Municipal Financial Advisor | Resolution to be presented |
| 327. | Resolution Awarding Professional Services Contract – Bond Counsel | Resolution to be presented |
| 328. | Resolution Designating Police Practices Defense Counsel through Claims Resolution Corporation, Inc. the Third-Party Insurance Administrator | Resolution to be presented |
| 329. | Resolution Awarding Professional Services Contracts for Insurance Coverage Defense Counsel | Resolution to be presented |
| 330. | Resolution Authorizing the City of East Orange to Enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Revaluation Advisory Services, LLC | Resolution to be presented |
| 331. | Resolution Amending Resolution I-34-2020 a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Services through a Cooperative Pricing System | Resolution to be presented |

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 |

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 |
| 508. | Resolution to Re-appoint Jacqueline Jones to the Senior Citizens Housing Corporation/Association | Resolution to be presented |

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 Approving the Application and Acceptance of the JJDP Summer Expansion Program Grant Application | Resolution to be presented |
| 707. | Resolution of Support Authorizing the Sustainable Jersey Grant Application for the East Orange Farmer's Market FY20 by the City of East Orange | Resolution to be presented |

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

708. Authorizing Application to the New Jersey State Library New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act Grants Program for FY20 Funding Towards the Modernization and Revitalization of the East Orange Public Library Main Branch Resolution to be presented

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

801. Police Department In Committee
802. Fire Department In Committee
803. Resolution Authorizing the City of East Orange to Purchase Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment ("PPE") Resolution to be presented

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

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

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

601. Ordinances on First Reading In Committee
602. Ordinances on Second and Reading Ordinance No. 1 of 2020
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
- Ordinance No. 2 of 2020
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 and Housing Law Ordinance #6
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. Resolution Opposing the Presidential Ban on Nigeria Resolution to be presented
610. Resolution Amending Resolution I-223 of 2015 Establishing Hourly Rates for Attorney's Fees Pursuant to Ordinance Number 11 of 2010 Resolution to be presented

1000– COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1000. East Orange Parking Authority In Committee



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
- MONDAY, JANUARY 27th
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24th
- MONDAY, MARCH 9th
- MONDAY, MARCH 23rd
- MONDAY, APRIL 13th
- MONDAY, APRIL 27th
- MONDAY, MAY 11th

- TUESDAY, MAY 26th
- MONDAY, JUNE 8th
- MONDAY, JUNE 22nd
- MONDAY, JULY 13th
- MONDAY, JULY 27th
- MONDAY, AUGUST 10th
- MONDAY, AUGUST 24th
- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th
- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13th
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 26th
- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9th
- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 14th
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 28th

**CITY COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021
@ 6:00 PM**

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