CITY OF EAST ORANGE

THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, March 9, 2020

5:30 P.M.

(Minutes from the Meeting of February 24, 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 24, 2020

The East Orange City Council met on February 24, 2020 at 5:48 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; Christopher Awe; Brittany Claybrooks; Christopher D. James

ABSENT
Alicia Holman (Vacation)
Amy Lewis

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Solomon Steplight, City Administrator	City Administrator
Juan Uribe, CFO	Finance Department
Ryan Linder, Corporation Counsel	Law Department
Romal Bullock, Director	Tax Assessor
Mabelteen Tucker, Director	Human Resources
Andre Williams, Chief	Fire Department
Phyllis Bindi, Chief	Police Department
Mark Barner, Director	Property Maintenance
Daniel Jennings, Director	Planning
Christopher Coke, Director	Public Works
Renee Muhammad, Director	Recreation
Monique Griffith, Director	Health and Human Services

ALSO PRESENT

Tony Jackson	Mayor's Office
Justin Brown	Mayor's Office
Christine Harris, Commissioner	Board of Health
Musamil Mohamed-Stevens	Public Works

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.

- Sharnette Vidal: People are parking on one side of the street and No one is enforcing the no parking to corner rule. It is making a two lane street into a one lane street and there is the possibility of a serious accident.
- Michael Muhammad: There are not enough garbage cans on the street. Also, there are several streets where the lights did not work. What is going on with the inspection process with the new redevelopments because he went away for the weekend and when he returned a building collapsed.
- Gwendolyn Garretson: What is the status regarding the parking fees.

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

101.	Recreation Department	In Committee
102.	East Orange Public Library	In Committee
103.	Paula Michelle Taylor-Osborn – Retirement	**Resolution to be presented**
104.	Barbara Ann Johnson-Munford – Memorial	**Resolution to be presented**
105.	Helen Ray Little – Memorial	**Resolution to be presented**
106.	Earlene Virginia Holt – Memorial	**Resolution to be presented**
107.	Anastasia Harris – Memorial	**Resolution to be presented**

200 - BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING

CASIM GOMEZ – CHAIRMAN

Awe, Claybrooks, Brent

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 Accepting the Recommendations of the Planning Board of the City of East Orange to Designate Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Areas Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.	**Resolution to be presented**
208.	Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City Planning Board to Investigate whether all or a portion of the Property Identified on the Tax Map of the City as Block 31, Lot 1; Block 40, Lot 1; and Block 180, Lot 1 Constitute a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A.40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.	**Resolution to be presented**

300 - FINANCE

CHRISTOPHER AWE – CHAIRMAN

Lewis, Pullins, Holman

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. 4	**Resolution to be presented**
308.	Stop Payments	In Committee
309.	Legal Transfer	In Committee
310.	Tax Payment Plan	In Committee
311.	Tax Appeal Refund - $83,255.39	**Resolution to be presented**
312.	Annual Tax Sale	In Committee
313.	Tax Abatement	In Committee
314.	In Lieu of Taxes	In Committee
315.	Bills, Claims & Appropriations	In Committee
316.	Tax Sale Assignment	In Committee

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

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 - $5,019.51	**Resolution to be presented**
323.	Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employee - $15,000.00	**Resolution to be presented**
324.	Resolution Awarding Professional Services Contract for – Municipal Auditor	**Resolution to be presented**
325.	Resolution Amending Resolution I-67-2020 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

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 a Contract for a Vendor to Provide Emergency Medical Services	**Resolution to be presented**

500 – HOUSING, LICENSING AND INSPECTION
ALICIA HOLMAN – CHAIRWOMAN
Claybrooks, Gomez, Leneus

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

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

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

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

901.	Capital Improvement Projects	under Construction
902.	Streetscape	In Committee
903.	Resolution Authorizing the Designation of Restricted Parking Spaces	**Resolution to be presented**
904.	Resolution to Apply for Grants from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund to conduct Preliminary Assessment, Site Investigation and Remedial Investigation Work	**Resolution to be presented**

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

601.	Ordinances on First Reading	**Ordinance No. 9 of 2020** An Ordinance Limiting the Flow of Vehicular Traffic to one Direction on Amherst Street **Ordinance No. 10 of 2020** An Ordinance Supplementing Chapter 150 of the City Code entitled "Floodplain Management" to implement the City of East Orange's Flood Management Plan
602.	Ordinances on Second and Reading	**Ordinance No. 3 of 2020** An Ordinance to Regulate Tenant Placement Organizations **Ordinance No. 4 of 2020** An Ordinance Amending the Name of the Property Maintenance Department **Ordinance No. 5 of 2020** An Ordinance Creating Comprehensive System for the Review and Approval of Wireless Telecommunication Permits **Ordinance No. 6 of 2020** 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 **Ordinance No. 7 of 2020** 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" **Ordinance No. 8 of 2020** 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
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

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Dale A. Forde, Deputy City Clerk

EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL 2020 Public Meeting Dates & Times

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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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