

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

Monday, April 13, 2020

5:30 P.M.

(Minutes from the Meeting of March 23, 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
March 23, 2020**

The East Orange City Council met on March 23, 2020 at 5:30 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; Amy Lewis; Christopher Awe; Brittany Claybrooks; Christopher D. James

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.

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. | Lula Mae Jones – Memorial | 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. 6 | Resolution to be presented |
| 308. | Payroll No. 7 | Resolution to be presented |
| 309. | Stop Payments | In Committee |
| 310. | Legal Transfer | In Committee |
| 311. | Tax Payment Plan | In Committee |
| 312. | Tax Appeal Refund | In Committee |
| 313. | Annual Tax Sale | In Committee |
| 314. | Tax Abatement | In Committee |
| 315. | In Lieu of Taxes | In Committee |
| 316. | Bills, Claims & Appropriations – March 23, 2020 | Resolution to be presented |
| 317. | Tax Sale Assignment | In Committee |
| 318. | Tax Lien | In Committee |
| 319. | Tax Lien Redemption | In Committee |
| 320. | Budget Insertions | In Committee |
| 321. | Status of Women | In Committee |
| 322. | Auction | In Committee |
| 323. | Duplicate Tax Payments | In Committee |
| 324. | Resolution Authorizing Payment of Accumulated
Absence Liabilities (\$3,570.00) | Resolution to be presented |
| 325. | Resolution Authorizing the Rejection of
Qualifications Statements and Re-advertise
for Counsel to Represent the City of East
Orange's Planning and Zoning Boards | Resolution to be presented |
| 326. | Authorize the Use of Snowstorm Trust Funds
for Public Health Emergency | 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 |

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 | <u>Ordinance No. 13 of 2020</u>
An Ordinance to Approve the Tax Exemption and to Authorize the Execution of a Financial Agreement Between the City of East Orange and Norman Towers Urban Renewal, LLC |
| 602. | Ordinances on Second and Reading | <u>Ordinance No. 9 of 2020</u>
An Ordinance Limiting the Flow of Vehicular Traffic to One Direction on Amherst Street |

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

602.	Ordinances on Second and Reading	<u>Ordinance No. 10 of 2020</u> An Ordinance Supplementing Chapter 150 of the City Code entitled "Floodplain Management" to Implement the City of East Orange's Flood Management Plan
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

1000– COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1000.	East Orange Parking Authority	In Committee
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Meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Cynthia S. Brown, City Clerk