

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

Monday, June 22, 2020

5:30 P.M.

(Minutes from the Meeting of June 8, 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
June 8, 2020**

The East Orange City Council met on June 8, 2020 at 5:46 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;, Jr.; Vernon Pullins; Tameika Garrett-Ward; Bergson Leneus; Alicia Holman; Christopher Awe; Brittany Claybrooks; Christopher D. James

ABSENT

Amy Lewis (Death in family)

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Ted R. Green	Mayor
Solomon Steplight, City Administrator	City Administrator
Ryan Linder, Corporation Counsel	Law Department
Juan Uribe, CFO	Finance Department
Romal Bullock, Director	Tax Assessor
Andre Williams, Chief	Fire Department
Phyllis Bindi, Chief	Police Department
Domingos Saldida, Director	Public Safety
Mark Barner, Director	Property Maintenance
Mabelteen Tucker, Director	Human Resources
Christopher Coke, Director	Public Works
Rene Muhammad, Director	Recreation
Monique Griffith, Director	Health and Human Services
Daniel Jennings, Director	Planning
Carolyn R. Reed, Director	East Orange Public Library

ALSO PRESENT

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Tracy Munford	City Council

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. | Resolution Authorizing Whitson's Culinary Group to Service the 2020 Summer Food Service Program | Resolution to be presented |
| 104. | Lawrence Lewis Jr. – 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 |
| 207. | Resolution in Support of Assembly Bill A281 Amends the Definition of Veterans for Interment Benefits | Resolution to be presented |
| 208. | Resolution Designating Garden State Episcopal Community Development Corporation as Redeveloper for Certain Properties Located in the City At Large and in the Greenwood Avenue Redevelopment Area | Resolution to be presented |

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. 11 | 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 – June 8, 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. | Resolution Authorizing Tax Levy Certified by the Board of School Estimate | Resolution to be presented |

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

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| 323. | Resolution to Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Retiring Employee | Resolution to be presented |
| 324. | Resolution Authorizing the Re-Advertisement of Request for Proposal for Security Officer Training Course | Resolution to be presented |
| 325. | Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of Request for Proposal for Revaluation of All Real Property | Resolution to be presented |
| 326. | Resolution of the City of East Orange, In The City of East Orange, In the County of Essex, New Jersey, Determining the Form and Other Details of It's "Note Relating to the Water Bank, Construction Financing Program of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank", to be Issued in the Principal Amount of Up to \$23,100,000 and Providing the Issuance and Sale of Such Note to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Such Note by the City of East Orange in Favor of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, All Pursuant to the Water Bank Construction Financing Program of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank | 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 |
| 706. | Resolution Approving Submittal of a Transit Village Grant Application and Execution of a Grant Contract With the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Installation of Wayfinding Signage Throughout East Orange's Transit Village | Resolution to be presented |

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

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| 707. | Resolution of Intent to Apply for National Endowment of the Arts Funding for Public Art | Resolution to be presented |
| 708. | Resolution Amending Resolution I-34 of 2018 and Repealing Resolution I-43 of 2020 Authorizing the Execution of a Project Agreement With the East Orange Housing and Community Development Corporation for a Community Development Project in the Greenwood Area | Resolution to be presented |
| 710. | Resolution Granting Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement With the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Milling and Paving of Various Streets Project MA-2021 East Orange City 00140 | Resolution to be presented |

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 East Orange Police Department to Purchase a Replacement 911 Telephone Recording System | Resolution to be presented |

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

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| 901. | Capital Improvement Projects | under Construction |
| 902. | Streetscape | In Committee |
| 903. | Resolution Amending Resolution I-167 Street Naming - Mayor Thomas H. Cooke, Jr. Way | Resolution to be presented |

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

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| 601. | Ordinance on First Reading | <u>Bond Ordinance No. 22 of 2020</u>
Bond Ordinance Providing for the Local Unit's Allocable Share of the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties, By and In the City of East Orange, In the County of Essex, State of Ne Jersey (The "Local Unit") on Behalf of the East Orange Water Commission: Appropriating \$1,245,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,245,000 Bonds or Notes to Finance the Cost Thereof

<u>Ordinance No. 23 of 2020</u>
An Ordinance Amending Chapter 25 of the East Orange City Code to Expand the Membership of the East Orange Public Safety Advisory Counsel |
| 602. | Ordinances on Second and Final Reading | <u>Ordinance No. 19 of 2020</u>
An Ordinance to Transfer a City Owned Lot to SBF Development, LLC in the Transit Village Redevelopment Area Under the Auspices of N.J.S.A. 40:12A-1 et seq Known as the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law |
| 603. | Bingo/Raffles | In Committee |
| 604. | A.B.C. | In Committee |
| 605. | City Council Rules | In Committee |
| 606. | Settlements | In Committee |

600 - LAW AND LEGISLATION - continued

VERNON PULLINS, JR. – CHAIRMAN

Leneus, Lewis, Awe

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| 607. | Comcast/Suburban Cable Contract | In Committee |
| 608. | Taxi Cabs vs. Livery Licenses | In Committee |
| 609. | Resolution Waiving the Twenty-day Effective Period on Ordinance No. 19 of 2020 | Resolution to be presented |

1000– COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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| 1000. | East Orange Parking Authority | In Committee |
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Meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Cynthia S. Brown, City Clerk



EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL Public Meeting Dates 2020

East Orange City Hall
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Phone: 973-266-5120

& 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	

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In accordance with Executive Order 107, the City of East Orange Offices are closed to the public.

For the safety of residents and employees, the Meetings of the East Orange City Council will be conducted via Video Conference, Streaming on Facebook Live-[facebook.com/eocitycouncil](https://www.facebook.com/eocitycouncil) until further notice.