

CITY OF EAST ORANGE
THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, August 10, 2020

5:30 P.M.

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

The East Orange City Council met on July 27, 2020 at 5:44 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; Jr.; Mustafa Al-M Brent; Tameika Garrett-Ward; Bergson Leneus; Alicia Holman; Christopher Awe; Amy Lewis; Brittany Claybrooks; Christopher D. James

Absent

Vernon Pullins

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Ted R. Green	Mayor's Office
Solomon Steplight, City Administrator	City Administrator
Ryan Linder, Corporation Counsel	Law Department
Juan Uribe, CFO	Finance Department
Romal Bullock, Director	Tax Assessor
Phyllis Bindi, Chief	Police Department
Andre Williams, Chief	Fire Department
Mark Barner, Director	Property Maintenance
Mabelteen Tucker, Director	Human Resources
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

Tony Jackson	Mayor's Office
Muzammil Mohamed-Stevens	Public Works
Tracy Munford	City Council
Stanley Edwards	Recreation

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.

✓ **Dawn T.:** Mask in High Rise Buildings

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. | Marion K. Johnson - 90 th Birthday | Resolution to be presented |
| 104. | Reginald Haynes - 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 of the City of East Orange, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, Designating Brick Church Developers LLC as Redeveloper and Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with the Redeveloper | Resolution to be presented |
| 208. | Resolution Referring to the Planning Board Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, a Proposed Amendment to the Transit Village District Redevelopment Plan Which Would Allow Office Uses to Occupy Ground Floor Space Fronting on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in the Central Business District and the Arts and Cultural District | Resolution to be presented |
| 209. | Resolution of the City of East Orange Authorizing and Directing the Planning Board of the City of East Orange to Undertake a Preliminary Investigation of Several Scattered Sites Located Throughout the City of East Orange, Including Property Located at 177-183 North Arlington Avenue and Identified on the Tax Maps of the City as Block 361, Lots 5 and 6; 148-152 North Arlington Avenue, Block 271.01, Lots 24 and 25; and 164 and 168-174 North Arlington Avenue, Block 271.01, Lots 20 and 21, Along With the Adjacent Public Streets, for the Purpose of Obtaining a Recommendation as to Whether One or More of the Subject Properties Constitute a Non-Condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment Pursuant to the Criteria Set Forth in the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law | 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. 14 | Resolution to be presented |
| 308. | Stop Payments | In Committee |
| 309. | Legal Transfer | In Committee |
| 310. | Tax Payment Plan | In Committee |

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

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| 311. | Tax Appeal Refunds - \$56,172.61 | 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 - July 27, 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 - \$3,023.60 | Resolution to be presented |
| 323. | Resolution to Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Retiring Employee | Resolution to be presented |
| 324. | Budget Amendments | |
| 325. | Resolution Authorizing Payment to Various Vendors That Provided Services in Connection With the City of East Orange's Virtual SWEP Program | 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 |
| 706. | Resolution Authorizing the City to Enter Into an Agreement With NJShares to Facilitate \$300K for a COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program | 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 City of East Orange to use the Competitive Contracting Process to Secure the Services of Vendors to Manage the Operation of the City of East Orange's Off Duty Law Enforcement Employment Program | 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 Authorizing the Advertisement of Invitation to Bid for Seasonal Landscaping Services - City Parks and Properties | Resolution to be presented |

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

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| 601. | Ordinance on First Reading

Recommendations | <u>Ordinance No. 25 of 2020</u>
An Ordinance Adopting the

of the Planning Board to Designate Certain Properties Located Throughout the City Constitute as an Area in Need of Redevelopment Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq

<u>Ordinance No. 26 of 2020</u>
An Ordinance Appropriating \$2,375,000 From the Capital Improvement Fund of the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of East Orange to Pay for Various General Improvements to the Water Supply and Sewer Systems |
| 602. | Ordinances on Second and Final Reading | <u>Ordinance No. 24 of 2020</u>
An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing
The Code of the City of East Orange to Regulating the Use of Fireworks within the City of East Orange |
| 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

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| 1000. | East Orange Parking Authority | In Committee |
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EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL Public Meeting Dates 2020

East Orange City Hall
44 City Hall Plaza | East Orange, NJ 07018
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.