

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

Monday, August 24, 2020

5:30 P.M.

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

The East Orange City Council met on August 10, 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; Jr.; Mustafa Al-M Brent; Vernon Pullins; Tameika Garrett-Ward; Bergson Leneus; Christopher Awe; Amy Lewis; Brittany Claybrooks; Christopher D. James

Absent

Alicia Holman

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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.

None

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 |

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 Authorizing the Designation of Andre Cooper, LLC as Redeveloper for Block 511, Lot 9 within the Transit Village District | 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. 15 | Resolution to be presented |
| 307. | Payroll No. 16 | Resolution to be presented |
| 308. | Stop Payments | In Committee |
| 309. | Legal Transfer | In Committee |
| 310. | Tax Payment Plan | In Committee |
| 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 – August 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 - \$27,172.06 | Resolution to be presented |
| 323. | Resolution to Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Retiring Employee | Resolution to be presented |
| 324. | Resolution to Adopt CY2020 Municipal Budget | 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

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
508.	Resolution for the Refund of Construction Permit Fee (\$654.00)	
509.	Resolution for the Refund of Construction Permit Fee (\$470.00)	

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
706.	Resolution Authorizing the City to Enter into an Agreement with Civic Cares Community Foundation to Facilitate \$400K for a COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program	

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 to Purchase 15 Police Portable Radios & Accessories for COVID-19 Response Efforts Awarded by a U.S. Department of Justice Grant	Resolution to be presented
804.	Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the 2020 Essex County, New Jersey Hazard Mitigation Plan Update	Resolution to be presented

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

901.	Capital Improvement Projects	Under Construction
902.	Streetscape	In Committee
903.	Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Construction of Health Department Roof Replacement	Resolution to be presented
904.	Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of Invitation to Bid: CDBG 2019-2020 of ADA Ramps Phase II	Resolution to be presented

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

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| 601. | Ordinance on First Reading | <p><u>Ordinance No. 27 of 2020</u>
Ordinance of the City of East Orange Authorizing The Execution of a Financial Agreement for Payments in Lieu of Taxes with Respect to Certain Properties Identified on the City's Tax Maps as Block 361, Lots 22 and 16 Commonly Known as 14 Summit Street</p> <p><u>Ordinance No. 28 of 2020</u>
An Ordinance of the City of East Orange Municipal Council to Approve the Transfer of a Tax Exemption and to Authorize the Execution of an Assignment and Assumption Agreement Between the City of East Orange and LJJ OZ Halstead Holing Urban Renewal, LLC</p> |
| 602. | Ordinances on Second and Final Reading | <p><u>Ordinance No. 25 of 2020</u>
An Ordinance Adopting the Recommendations 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</p> <p><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</p> |
| 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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Meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Cynthia S. Brown, City Clerk



EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL Public Meeting Dates 2020

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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	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 until further notice.