

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

**Monday, August 24, 2020**

**6:00 P.M.**

**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

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Alicia Holman  
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**ROLL CALL**

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
**Ordinance No. 27 of 2020**

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**PRESENTATIONS**

**MINUTES**

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Correspondence received August 18, 2020 from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Area of Concern: One 550-gallon #2 Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank System Unrestricted Use – No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue, Block 304, Lot 10, 30 Grant Avenue, East Orange City, Essex County, Program Interest #893748, Activity Number: CSP200001, Communications Center Number: 20-07-02-1308-58.
2. Correspondence received August 14, 2020 from the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders submitting a copy of **Ordinance No. O-2020-00012** – “Bond Ordinance Providing for Improvements to the Essex County Vocational School Newark Tech Campus in and by the County of Essex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$60,000,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$60,000,000 Bonds or Notes of the County for Financing such Appropriation”.

**MAYOR’S COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES RECEIVED**

East Orange Planning Board - Via Zoom Meeting.....July 1, 2020

**REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**ARTS, RECREATION and CULTURAL AFFAIRS –TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD**

Pullins, Brent, Lewis

No Resolutions

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING – CASIM GOMEZ**

Awe, Claybrooks, Brent

**Resolutions**

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| I-237 | Resolution Designating 55 Washington EO LLC or an Entity to be Created as Redeveloper for a Certain Property Located in the Transit Village District Redevelopment Zone and Urban Enterprise Zone   |
| I-238 | Resolution Waiving the Twenty Day Effective Period on Ordinance #28 of 2020   |
| I-239 | Resolution of the City of East Orange Municipal Council to Approve the Transfer of a Redevelopment Agreement and to Authorize the Execution of an Assignment and Assumption Redevelopment Agreement between 129 Halsted Street Urban Renewal LLC and LJJ OZ Halstead Holding Urban Renewal, LLC |

**FINANCE – CHRISTOPHER AWE**

Lewis, Pullins, Holman

**Resolutions**

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| I-240 | <u>Payroll No. 17 - 8/12/2020 – 8/25/2020</u><br>City Employees: \$2,790,408.43<br>Water: \$134,326.49 |
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**FINANCE – CHRISTOPHER AWE - Continued**

Lewis, Pullins, Holman

**Resolutions**

- I-4 Bill Payment – August 24, 2020
- I-241 Resolution to Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Retiring Employee - \$31,778.24
- I-242 Resolution Awarding Contract for the Revaluation of all Real Property Within the City of East Orange
- I-243 Resolution Requesting Change in Title, Text, or Amount of Appropriation Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:4-85

**HEALTH and EDUCATION – BERGSON LENEUS**

Garrett-Ward, Holman, Claybrooks

**Resolution**

- I-244 Resolution in Support of Wearing of Masks to Stop the Spread of COVID-19

**HOUSING, LICENSING and INSPECTION – ALICIA HOLMAN**

Claybrooks, Gomez, Leneus

**No Resolutions**

**PLANNING and GRANTS – BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS**

Gomez, Leneus, Garrett-Ward

**Resolution**

- I-245 Amended Resolution Authorizing the City to Enter into an Agreement with Civic Cares Community Foundation to Facilitate \$345K for a COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program

**PUBLIC SAFETY – AMY LEWIS**

Brent, Garrett-Ward, Pullins

**Resolutions**

- I-246 Resolution Authorizing the Sale of a 1994 Seagrave Fire Pumper by the Borough of Tenafly, New Jersey to the City of East Orange, New Jersey
- I-247 Resolution Authorizing the Sale of a 1993 Spartan Fire Pumper by the Borough of Dumont, New Jersey to the City of East Orange, New Jersey

**PUBLIC WORKS – MUSTAFA AL-M. BRENT**

Holman, Awe, Gomez

**Resolution**

- I-248 Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of Request for Proposal for Milling & Paving of Various Streets Funding Year 2020

**LAW AND LEGISLATION – VERNON PULLINS, JR.**

Leneus, Lewis, Awe

**No Resolutions**

**ROLL CALL ON CONSENT AGENDA**

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the City Council and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, Council may remove that item from the Consent Agenda and discuss it separately under the Regular Agenda

**NEW BUSINESS**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

TABLED LEGISLATION

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

ARTS, RECREATION and CULTURAL AFFAIRS – TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD

Pullins, Brent, Lewis

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT and ZONING – CASIM GOMEZ

Awe, Claybrooks, Brent

**Resolution**

**I-249** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement Between the City of East Orange and Eric M. Bernstein and Associates

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Lewis, Pullins, Holman

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**Ordinances on First Reading**

**Ordinance No. 29 of 2020**

An Ordinance to Transfer City Owned Lots to Masjid As Habul Yameen Under the Auspices of N.J.S.A 40:12-21 et seq

**Ordinance No. 30 of 2020**

An Ordinance Adopting the East Orange Scattered Sites Redevelopment Plan Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A 40A-1 et seq

**Ordinance No. 31 of 2020**

An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of Financial Agreements for Payments in Lieu of Taxes with each of Brick Church Urban Renewal I LLC, Brick Church Urban Renewal II LLC, Brick Church Urban Renewal III LLC, Brick Church Urban Renewal IV LLC, Brick Church Urban Renewal V LLC, and Brick Church Urban Renewal VI LLC Pursuant to the Long Term Tax Exemption Law and the Redevelopment Area Bond Financing Law with Respect to 533 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, also Identified as Block 683, Lot 1, 15-33 Halsted Street, also Identified as Block 683, Lot 1.01, 505 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, also Identified as Block 683, Lot 4.01, 507 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, also Identified as Block 683, Lot 4.02, and 513-517 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, also Identified as Block 683, Lot 5, all in the City of East Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, and Authorizing Certain other Actions in Connection Therewith

Leneus, Lewis, Awe

**Ordinances on First Reading**

**Ordinance No. 32 of 2020**

An Ordinance Providing for Special Assessment of the Cost of Certain Stormwater and Sanitary Sewer Improvements and Environmental Remediation in the Area of 533 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, also Identified as Block 683, Lot 1, in the City of East Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Subsidy of Certain Non-Recourse Bonds or Notes to be Issued in Connection Therewith in an Amount not to Exceed \$9,500,000, and Authorizing the Execution of Certain Agreements in Connection Therewith

**Ordinance No. 33 of 2020**

An Ordinance Providing for the Special Assessment of the Cost of Certain Stormwater and Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Environmental Remediation, and other Site Improvements in the Area of 533 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Also Identified as Block 683, Lot 1, in the City of East Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Subsidy of Certain Non-Recourse Bonds or Notes to be Issued in Connection Therewith in an Amount Not To Exceed \$11,000,000 and Authorizing the Execution of Certain Agreements in Connection Therewith

**Ordinances on Second and Final Reading**

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**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, give his or 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.

**CALL OF WARDS**

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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
- 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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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.