

'AMENDED'

**CITY OF EAST ORANGE
THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 11, 2021
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**

**Fifth Ward
Alicia Holman
Mustafa AL-M. Brent**



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ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

SILENT PRAYER

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PRESENTATIONS

MINUTES

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Correspondence received January 8, 2021 from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Unregulated Heating Oil Tank Program 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 50, Lot 31, 31 Eaton Place, East Orange City, Essex County, Program Interest #923510, Activity Number: CSP190001, Communications Center Number: 20-11-05-1159-38.
2. Correspondence received January 8, 2021 from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Unregulated Heating Oil Tank Program 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 53, Lot 19, 93 North 15th Street, East Orange City, Essex County, Program Interest #922826, Activity Number: CSP190001, Communications Center Number: 19-09-26-1501-40.
3. Correspondence received January 8, 2021 from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Unregulated Heating Oil Tank Program 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 458, Lot 5, 977 Sunnyside Terrace, East Orange City, Essex County, Program Interest #923476, Activity Number: CSP190001, Communications Center Number: 20-10-29-1227-29.
4. Correspondence received January 8, 2021 from Melick-Tully & Assoc., a Division of GZA regarding Remedial Action Protectiveness/Biennial Certification, PI 012802 - Parkway Manor Realty, LLC, 480 North Walnut Street, East Orange, New Jersey.
5. Correspondence received from the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, Trenton, NJ - Special Emergency Application (COVID) - N.J.S.A.40A:4-53.
6. Correspondence received December 29, 2020 from Joint Meeting submitting a copy of the Minutes from the July 16, 2020 Meeting.
7. Correspondence received December 29, 2020 from Second River Joint Meeting submitting a book of the Minutes of the Second River Joint Meeting - Vol. II Maintenance 2001-2010.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

1. Correspondence dated January 7, 2021 appointing Jerome Pearson to serve in the position of Acting Director of Recreation and Cultural Affairs for a 45-day period, effective January 15, 2021.

BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES RECEIVED

None

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Constable Reports – December

Tracy Williams
Muraad Rasheed

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

ARTS, RECREATION and CULTURAL AFFAIRS –TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD

Pullins, Brent, Lewis

Resolution

I-13 Terrell Joseph Davis - Memorial

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING – CASIM GOMEZ

Awe, Claybrooks, Brent

No Resolutions

FINANCE – CHRISTOPHER AWE

Lewis, Pullins, Holman

Resolutions

- I-14** Payroll # 1
- I-4** Bill Approval & Payment Listing – 1/11/2021
- I-15** 45-Day Continued Acting Appointment – Jerome Pearson
- I-16** Authorize Change in Custodian of Petty Cash Fund (Director Saldida to Chief Bindi)
- I-17** Resolution Authorizing Purchase of a Software and Hardware Update for Financial Accounting System)
- I-18** Resolution Awarding a Contract to Enter Into a Loan Agreement to Fund the Purchase of Police Vehicles
- I-19** Resolution Authorizing the East Orange Police Department to Purchase 21 New Patrol Vehicles

HEALTH and EDUCATION – BERGSON LENEUS

Garrett-Ward, Holman, Claybrooks

No Resolutions

HOUSING, LICENSING and INSPECTION – ALICIA HOLMAN

Claybrooks, Gomez, Leneus

Resolutions

- I-20** Confirmation of Reappointment of Joshua Brown (Fifth Ward) to the Housing Authority
- I-21** Confirmation of Reappointment of Walter L. Waters (Fourth Ward) to the Housing Authority

PLANNING and GRANTS – BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS

Gomez, Leneus, Garrett-Ward

Resolution

- I-22** Resolution to Accept Additional Grant Funds From the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) COVID Relief Funds

PUBLIC SAFETY – AMY LEWIS

Brent, Garrett-Ward, Pullins

No Resolutions

PUBLIC WORKS – MUSTAFA AL-M. BRENT

Holman, Awe, Gomez

No Resolutions

LAW AND LEGISLATION – VERNON PULLINS, JR.

Leneus, Lewis, Awe

Resolutions

- I-23** Confirmation of Paula Jonas (Fourth Ward) to the Parking Authority to fill the unexpired of Jerome Omar Robinson
- I-24** Resolution Denouncing the January 6, 2021 Actions of President Donald Trump and to Request Congress to Impeach or Censure President Trump

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

FINANCE – CHRISTOPHER AWE

Lewis, Pullins, Holman

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Ordinance on First Reading

Ordinance No. 1 of 2021

An Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and Establish a Cap Bank Pursuant to (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

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.

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 are being conducted via video conference, streaming on Facebook Live - [facebook.com/eocitycouncil](https://www.facebook.com/eocitycouncil) until further notice.

Residents were allowed to submit a written public comment or question via email to be read during the "Open Hearing of Citizens" portion of the meeting. Comments/questions were to be emailed in advance to citycouncil@eastorange-nj.gov by 5:00 PM .

CALL OF WARDS
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