

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

Monday, January 25, 2021

5:30 P.M.

(Minutes from the Meeting of January 11, 2021)

**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
January 11, 2021**

The East Orange City Council met on January 11, 2021 at 5:43 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, Jr. Tameika Garrett-Ward; Bergson Leneus; Alicia Holman; Amy Lewis; Christopher Awe; Brittany Claybrooks; Christopher D. James

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Solomon Steplight, City Administrator	City Administrator
Ryan Linder, Corporation Counsel	Law Department
Phyllis Bindi, Chief	Police Department
Dorothy Gallagher, Acting CFO	Finance
Monique Griffith, Director	Health and Human Services
Carolyn R. Reed, Director	East Orange Public Library
Jamal Pearson, Acting Director	Recreation
Romal Bullock	Tax Assessor
Mabelteen Tucker, Director	Human Resources
Daniel Jennings, Director	Planning

ALSO PRESENT

Tony Jackson	Mayor's Office
Muzammil Mohamed-Stevens	Public Works

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.

No 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. | Terrell Joseph Davis – 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 |

300 - FINANCE

CHRISTOPHER AWE – CHAIRMAN

Lewis, Pullins, Holman

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| 301. | Personnel | 45-Day Continued Acting Appointment
Jerome Pearson
Resolution to be presented |
| 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. 1 | 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 – 1/11/2021 | 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 | In Committee |
| 323. | Authorize Change in Custodian of Petty
Cash Fund (Director Saldida to Chief Bindi) | Resolution to be presented |
| 324. | Resolution Authorizing Purchase of a Software
and Hardware Update for Financial Accounting System) | Resolution to be presented |
| 325. | Resolution Awarding a Contract to Enter Into a Loan
Agreement to Fund the Purchase of Police Vehicles | Resolution to be presented |
| 326. | Resolution Authorizing the East Orange Police
Department to Purchase 21 New Patrol Vehicles | 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 Purchase of Vehicles Code Enforcement	Resolution to be presented
509.	Resolution Extending the Expanded Definition of Rent Set-forth in Ordinance #21 of 2020 until June 2021	Resolution to be presented

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 to Accept Additional Grant Funds From the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) COVID Relief Funds	Resolution to be presented

800 - PUBLIC SAFETY
AMY LEWIS – CHAIRWOMAN
Brent, Garrett-Ward, Pullins

801.	Police Department	In Committee
802.	Fire Department	In Committee

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

901.	Capital Improvement Projects	under Construction
902.	Streetscape	In Committee

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

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| 601. | Ordinances on First Reading | <u>Ordinance No. 1 of 2021</u>
An Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and Establish a Cap Bank Pursuant to (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) |
| 602. | Ordinances on Second and Reading | In Committee |
| 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 |
| 609. | Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Litigation in the Matter of Suburban Disposal, Inc. v City of East Orange | 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 5:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Cynthia S. Brown, City Clerk