

CITY OF EAST ORANGE
THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 25, 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
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)

PRESENTATIONS

MINUTES

December 28, 2020 – Regular Meeting
December 14, 2020 – Regular Meeting
November 23, 2020 – Regular Meeting

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Correspondence received January 25, 2020 from Joint Meeting submitting copies of the Minutes from September 17, 202, October 15, 2020, November 12, 2020 and the Annual Financial Audit Report for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.
2. Correspondence received January 14, 2021 from Second River Joint Meeting (SRJM) regarding Water Consumption Figures for 2020 Annual Report.
3. Correspondence received January 14, 2021 from the Essex County Board of County Commissioners submitting a copy of **Ordinance No. O-2020-00016** – “Salary Ordinance – County of Essex – 2020, 2021 and 2022”, **Ordinance No. O-2020-00017** – “An Ordinance Appropriating \$6,000,000.00 by the County of Essex for Various Capital Improvements”.

MAYOR’S COMMUNICATIONS

1. Correspondence dated January 15, 2021 appointing Hava Athill to serve in the position of a Regular Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment to fill the expired term of Valerie Bradshaw for a period up to 45-days.
2. Correspondence dated January 13, 2021 reappointing Shantel Harrison to serve as a Member of the East Orange Water Commission representing the Third (3rd) Ward. Said term will expire on December 31, 2023.
3. Correspondence dated January 13, 2021 reappointing Valerie Oliphant to serve as Member of the East Orange Water Commission representing the Fourth (4th) Ward. Said term will expire on December 31, 2023.
4. Correspondence dated January 12, 2021 appointing Mark Barner to serve in the position of Class 2 Member of the Planning Board for a one (1) year term, expiring December 31, 2021.

BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES RECEIVED

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board – January 22, 2021 (via ZOOM)
East Orange Public Library Board of Trustees – January 14, 2021 (via Video Conference)
East Orange Senior Citizens Housing Association/Corporation – January 7, 2021 (via ZOOM)
East Orange Planning Board – December 2, 2020 (via ZOOM Meeting)

REPORT OF OFFICERS

None

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

ARTS, RECREATION and CULTURAL AFFAIRS –TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD

Pullins, Brent, Lewis

Resolution

I-25 Philamena Inez Thornhill Allman – Memorial

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING – CASIM GOMEZ

Awe, Claybrooks, Brent

Resolutions

I-26 Confirmation of Reappointment
Jennifer Hudson - Zoning Board
of Adjustment

I-27 Confirmation of Appointment
Hava Athill - Zoning Board
of Adjustment

I-28 Resolution Approving a Subordination
Agreement Concerning the Property At
67 South Munn Avenue

FINANCE – CHRISTOPHER AWE

Lewis, Pullins, Holman

Resolutions

- I-29** Payroll #2 – 1/15/2021-1/28/2021
- I-4** Bill Approval & Payment Listing – 1/25/2021
- I-30** Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities for Former Employee - \$1,946.16
- I-31** Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities for Former Employee - \$3,216.74
- I-32** Resolution Amending the Gas Mileage Reimbursement Rate for City Employees
- I-33** Resolution Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Brick Church Community Benefits Trust Fund Required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39
- I-34** Tax Appeal Refunds - \$52,255.55

HEALTH and EDUCATION – BERGSON LENEUS

Garrett-Ward, Holman, Claybrooks

Resolutions

- I-35** Resolution Authorizing the City to Purchase one (1) 2006 GMC Van to be Utilized as a Mobile Clinic for the Health Department
- I-36** Resolution Authorizing and Approving A Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of East Orange and the East Orange Community Development Corporation Regarding the Provision of Referral and Case Management Services

HOUSING, LICENSING and INSPECTION – ALICIA HOLMAN

Claybrooks, Gomez, Leneus

No Resolutions

PLANNING and GRANTS – BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS

Gomez, Leneus, Garrett-Ward

Resolution

- I-37** Resolution to Authorize the Submission of A Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' Municipal Lead Abatement Pilot Program

PUBLIC SAFETY – AMY LEWIS

Brent, Garrett-Ward, Pullins

No Resolutions

PUBLIC WORKS – MUSTAFA AL-M. BRENT

Holman, Awe, Gomez

Resolution

- I-38** Resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of Lula Mae Green, Mother of East Orange Mayor Ted R. Green

LAW AND LEGISLATION – VERNON PULLINS, JR.

Leneus, Lewis, Awe

Resolutions

- I-39** Confirmation of Reappointment to the Board of Water Commissioners of Shantel Harrison representing the Third Ward
- I-40** Confirmation of Reappointment to the Board of Water Commissioners of Valerie Oliphant representing the Fourth Ward
- I-41** Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Workers Compensation Litigation Matter Daniel Baker vs. City of East Orange
- I-42** Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Workers Compensation Litigation Matter Philip Davis vs. City of East Orange

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

Resolution

I-43 Resolution Confirming Dorothy S. Gallagher As Chief Financial Officer

HEALTH and EDUCATION – BERGSON LENEUS

Garrett-Ward, Holman, Claybrooks

HOUSING, LICENSING and INSPECTION – ALICIA HOLMAN

Claybrooks, Gomez, Leneus

PLANNING AND GRANTS – BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS

Gomez, Leneus, Garrett-Ward

PUBLIC SAFETY – AMY LEWIS

Brent, Garrett-Ward, Pullins

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Holman, Awe, Gomez

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Leneus, Lewis, Awe

Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinance No. 2 of 2021

An Ordinance Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 Et, Seq, Amending And Supplementing the Transit Village District Redevelopment Plan to Correct Errors in the Redevelopment Plan Identified Since its original Adoption in December of 2015

Ordinance No. 3 of 2021

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 60, Article VIII, Section 60-47 of the Code of the City of East Orange entitled "Holidays and Leaves of Absence"

Ordinance on Second and Final Reading

Ordinance No. 1 of 2021

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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.

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

CHRISTOPHER D. JAMES
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Amy Lewis

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