

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

Monday, February 8, 2021

5:30 P.M.

(Minutes from the Meeting of January 25, 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 25, 2021**

The East Orange City Council met on January 25, 2021 at 5:37 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

Honorable Ted R. Green	Mayor
Solomon Steplight, City Administrator	City Administrator
Ryan Linder, Corporation Counsel	Law Department
Phyllis Bindi, Chief	Police Department
Andre Williams, Chief	Fire Department
Dorothy Gallagher, Acting CFO	Finance
Monique Griffith, Director	Health and Human Services
Mark Barner, Director	Property Maintenance
Christopher Coke, Director	Public Works
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
Alfonzo Holmes	IT

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.

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 are 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 are to be emailed in advance to citycouncil@eastorange-nj.gov by 5:00 PM .

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. | Philamena Inez Thornhill Allman – 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 |
| 207. | Confirmation of Reappointment
Jennifer Hudson - Zoning Board
of Adjustment | Resolution to be presented |
| 208. | Confirmation of Appointment
Hava Athill - Zoning Board
of Adjustment | Resolution to be presented |
| 209. | Resolution Approving a Subordination
Agreement Concerning the Property At
67 South Munn Avenue | Resolution to be presented |

300 - FINANCE
CHRISTOPHER AWE – CHAIRMAN
Lewis, Pullins, Holman

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| 301. | Personnel | Confirmation of Appointment
Dorothy Gallagher, CFO
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. 2 | Resolution to be presented |
| 308. | Stop Payments | In Committee |
| 309. | Legal Transfer | In Committee |
| 310. | Tax Payment Plan | In Committee |
| 311. | Tax Appeal Refund - \$52,255.55 | 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 – 1/25/2021 | 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 Payment of Accumulated Absence
Liabilities for Former Employee - \$1,946.16 | Resolution to be presented |

300 – FINANCE - Continued
CHRISTOPHER AWE – CHAIRMAN
Lewis, Pullins, Holman

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| 324. | Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities for Former Employee - \$3,216.74 | Resolution to be presented |
| 325. | Resolution Amending the Gas Mileage Reimbursement Rate for City Employees | Resolution to be presented |
| 326. | Resolution Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Brick Church Community Benefits Trust Fund Required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 | Resolution to be presented |

400 – HEALTH and EDUCATION
BERGSON LENEUS – CHAIRMAN
Garrett-Ward, Holman, Claybrooks

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| 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 |
| 406. | Resolution Authorizing the City to Purchase one (1) 2006 GMC Van to be Utilized as a Mobile Clinic for the Health Department | Resolution to be presented |
| 407. | 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 | Resolution to be presented |

500 – HOUSING, LICENSING AND INSPECTION
ALICIA HOLMAN – CHAIRWOMAN
Claybrooks, Gomez, Leneus

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| 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 |

700 – PLANNING and GRANTS
BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS – CHAIRWOMAN
Gomez, Leneus, Garrett-Ward

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| 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 Authorize the Submission of A Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' Municipal Lead Abatement Pilot Program | Resolution to be presented |

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

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

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

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| 901. | Capital Improvement Projects | under Construction |
| 902. | Streetscape | In Committee |
| 903. | Resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of Lula Mae Green, Mother of East Orange Mayor Ted R. Green | Resolution to be presented |

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

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| 601. | Ordinances on First Reading | <u>Ordinance No. 2 of 2021</u>
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

<u>Ordinance No. 3 of 2021</u>
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" |
| 602. | Ordinance on Second and Final 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) |
| 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. | Confirmation of Reappointment to the Board of Water Commissioners of Shantel Harrison representing the Third Ward | Resolution to be presented |
| 610. | Confirmation of Reappointment to the Board of Water Commissioners of Valerie Oliphant representing the Fourth Ward | Resolution to be presented |
| 611. | Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Workers Compensation Litigation Matter Daniel Baker vs. City of East Orange | Resolution to be presented |
| 612. | Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Workers Compensation Litigation Matter Philip Davis vs. 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 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Cynthia S. Brown, City Clerk