

CITY OF EAST ORANGE
THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, February 22, 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 February 17, 2021 from Joint Meeting submitting the Minutes of the Joint Meeting LXXX Maintenance and Secondary Treatment 2019 book.
2. Correspondence received February 17, 2021 from Antea Group, Antea USA, Inc., regarding Remedial Action Protectiveness/Biennial Certification Form, Former Getty Station #56106 – 382 South Clinton Street, East Orange, Essex County, New Jersey, Incident #'s 09-03-18-1200-09 & 15-07-31-1151-33, PI #001622 RAP #180001.
3. Correspondence received February 17, 2021 from the Elm Group, regarding former EJ Brooks Company, 164 North 13th Street, Newark, Essex County, New Jersey SRP PI #014371.
4. Correspondence received February 11, 2021 from The State of New Jersey Department of Transportation informing that the NJDOT is unable to provide a Transit Village grant for East Orange.
5. Correspondence received February 10, 2021 from the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders submitting copies of **Ordinance No. O-2021-00001** – “Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements by the County of Essex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$14,750,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$14,030,000 Bonds or Notes of the County for Financing such Appropriation”, **Ordinance No. O-2021-00002** – “Bond Ordinance Providing for the Improvement of the Essex County College in and by the County of Essex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$5,330,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,665,000 Bonds or Notes of the County and \$2,655,000 Bonds or Notes of the County Entitled to the Benefits of Chapter 12 of the Laws of New Jersey of 1971 for Financing such Appropriation” and **Ordinance No. O-2021-00003** – “Salary Ordinance – County of Essex – 2020, 2021 and 2022”..

MAYOR’S COMMUNICATIONS

None

BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES RECEIVED

None

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Constable Report ~ January 2021

Muraad Rasheed
Todd Thompson

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

ARTS, RECREATION and CULTURAL AFFAIRS –TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD

Pullins, Brent, Lewis

Resolutions

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| I-60 | Marcia E. Spence - Memorial |
| I-61 | Harold S. Reed - Memorial |

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING – CASIM GOMEZ

Awe, Claybrooks, Brent

Resolution

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| I-62 | Resolution Approving a Rider to the Second Financial Agreement Between the City of East Orange and Mclver Homes, L.P. |
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FINANCE – CHRISTOPHER AWE

Lewis, Pullins, Holman

Resolutions

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| I-63 | Payroll #4 – February 12, 2021-February 25, 2021 |
| I-4 | Bill Approval & Payment Listing – 2/22/2021 |
| I-64 | Authorize Temporary Emergency Appropriation |

FINANCE – CHRISTOPHER AWE - Continued

Lewis, Pullins, Holman

Resolutions

- I-65 Corrective Action Plan for the Calendar Year Period Ended December 31, 2019 (Schedule of Findings and Question Costs)
- I-66 Corrective Action Plan for the Calendar Year Period Ended December 31, 2019 (Schedule of Audit Findings and Recommendations)
- I-67 Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employee - \$2,318.57
- I-68 Duplicate Tax Payments - \$4,307.30

HEALTH and EDUCATION – BERGSON LENEUS

Garrett-Ward, Holman, Claybrook4

Resolution

- I-69 Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of East Orange and Best Care College Regarding Execution of the Field Experience Program

HOUSING, LICENSING and INSPECTION – ALICIA HOLMAN

Claybrooks, Gomez, Leneus

No Resolutions

PLANNING and GRANTS – BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS

Gomez, Leneus, Garrett-Ward

Resolutions

- I-70 Resolution Supporting an Application to and Acceptance of Award From The NJ Transit, Local Programs and Minibus Support (LPS)-5310 Grant Program
- I-71 Resolution Supporting an Application to and Acceptance of Award From the NJ State League of Municipalities (NJLM) Foundation – Funding Opportunity for Connectivity Grants Program

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

Resolution

- I-72 Resolution Adopting the 2021 City Council Rules

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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Garrett-Ward, Holman, Claybrooks

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Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinance No. 4 of 2021

An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of First Amendments to Financial Agreements for payments In Lieu of Taxes with Brick Church Urban Renewal I LLC, Brick Church Urban Renewal LL 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 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 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

Ordinance No. 5 of 2021

An Ordinance to Transfer City Owned Lots to SBF Development, LLC or an Entity to be Created in the Greenwood Redevelopment Area Under the Auspices of N.J.S.A.40:A-1 et seq, Known as the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law

Bond Ordinance No. 6 of 2021

Bond Ordinance Providing for Various 2021 Capital Acquisitions and Improvements, By and In the City of East Orange, In the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (The "City"): Appropriating \$5,941,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$5,772,950 in Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance Part of the Costs Thereof

LAW AND LEGISLATION – VERNON PULLINS, JR. - Continued

Leneus, Lewis, Awe

Ordinance on First Reading

Bond Ordinance No. 7 of 2021

Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Improvements to Columbian Park and Oval Park in and By the City of East Orange in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (The "City"); Reappropriating \$733,800 in Bond Proceeds Not Needed for Their Original Purpose From Section 3(b) of Bond Ordinance Number 59 of 2016 Finally Adopted December 19, 2016 of the City, to Finance a Portion of the Costs Thereof and Appropriating An Additional \$6,086,200 From the Open Space Trust Fund and Authorizing the Issuance of \$6,064,200 Bonds or Notes of the City to Finance Part of The Cost Thereof

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 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 5:30 PM .

CALL OF WARDS

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