

CITY OF EAST ORANGE
THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 8, 2021
6:00 P.M.

CHRISTOPHER D. JAMES
City Council Chairman

First Ward

Christopher D. James
Amy Lewis
Claybrooks

Second Ward

Christopher Awe
Brittany D.

Third Ward

Bergson Leneus
Vernon Pullins, Jr.
Ward

Fourth Ward

Casim L. Gomez
Tameika Garrett-

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

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PRESENTATIONS

MINUTES

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Correspondence received March 4, 2021 from Joint Meeting submitting copies of the Minutes from December 17, 2020, Resolutions from the December 17th meeting and the Annual Report of the Sewage Contribution of the Municipalities Organized in Joint Meeting for the Purpose of Assessment for the Year 2021.
2. Correspondence received March 4, 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".
3. Correspondence received February 24, 2012 from Churchill regarding New Jersey Turnpike Authority NJTA Project No. 040E00059 Statewide Multi-Permit Application NJTA Maintenance and Repair Activities East Orange City, Essex County, NJ.
4. Correspondence received February 23, 2021 from the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders submitting a copy of **Ordinance No. O-2021-00004** – "Salary Ordinance – Board of County Commissioners".

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

None

BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES RECEIVED

East Orange Public Library Board of Trustees – February 11, 2021 (via Video Conference)
East Orange Senior Citizens Housing Association/Corporation – February 11, 2021 (via ZOOM)
East Orange Planning Board – February 3, 2020 (via ZOOM Meeting)

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Constable Report ~ February, 2021

Tracy Williams
Derrick Barrett

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

ARTS, RECREATION and CULTURAL AFFAIRS –TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD

Pullins, Brent, Lewis

Resolutions

- I-73 Weldon R. Hobson - Memorial
- I-74 Charles Destin Archelus - Memorial
- I-75 Elaine L. Jeffries - Memorial
- I-76 Resolution to Amend I-46 Friends for Fun to "The Moles"
- I-77 Resolution Reaffirming March 29 of Each Year as the Date We Welcome Home All Veterans from the Vietnam Conflict and Supporting the Present Legislation for Veterans Pending in the New Jersey Assembly and Senate

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING – CASIM GOMEZ

Awe, Claybrooks, Brent

Resolutions

- I-78 Resolution Authorizing the City of East Orange to Employ the Competitive Contracting Process to Secure the Services of a Cost Estimator
- I-79 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of East Orange and 123 South Munn Urban Renewal Entity or an Entity to be Created Therefrom for Certain Property Identified on the Tax Map of the City of East Orange as Block 420, Lot 3,4 & 5.01 Located in the Scattered Sites Redevelopment Zone

FINANCE – CHRISTOPHER AWE

Lewis, Pullins, Holman

Resolutions

- I-80 Payroll #5 – February 26, 2021 – March 11, 2021
- I-4 Bill Approval & Payment Listing – 3/8/2021
- I-81 Authorize Temporary Emergency Appropriation
- I-82 Absence Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employee

HEALTH and EDUCATION – BERGSON LENEUS

Garrett-Ward, Holman, Claybrook4

Resolutions

- I-83 A Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding Between the East Orange Department of Health and Human Services and Summit Medical Group Foundation for the Administration of COVID-19 Vaccines in the City of East Orange."
- I-84 A Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding Between the East Orange Department of Health and Human Services and the Newark Community Health Center for the Administration of COVID-19 Vaccines in the City of East Orange."
- I-85 COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day Resolution

HOUSING, LICENSING and INSPECTION – ALICIA HOLMAN

Claybrooks, Gomez, Leneus

Resolution

- I-86 Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Renee Bowers Franklin to the East Orange Rent Control Board for a Period of Three-Years

PLANNING and GRANTS – BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS

Gomez, Leneus, Garrett-Ward

No Resolutions

PUBLIC SAFETY – AMY LEWIS

Brent, Garrett-Ward, Pullins

No Resolutions

PUBLIC WORKS – MUSTAFA AL-M. BRENT

Holman, Awe, Gomez

Resolutions

- I-87** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of An Application for a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Treatment Works Approval for 45 S. Grove Street Urban Renewal LLC (Block 185 Lot 2)
- I-88** Resolution Authorizing the Designation of Restricted Parking Spaces

LAW AND LEGISLATION – VERNON PULLINS, JR.

Leneus, Lewis, Awe

Resolution

- I-89** Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Litigation In the Matter of Francina Leitch v. City of East Orange, Et Als

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

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Lewis, Pullins, Holman

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Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinance No. 8 of 2021

An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Article I, Chapter 132 of the City Code Entitled “House Pets and Domestic Animals”

Ordinance No. 9 of 2021

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5 Article IX Section 5-70 of the City Code Entitled “Duties of Division Managers; Additional Personnel”

Ordinance No. 10 of 2021

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 260 Section 14 of the City Code Entitled “All-Night Parking Prohibited; Exceptions”

Ordinances on Second and Final Reading

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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 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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