

**CITY OF EAST ORANGE**  
**THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Monday, March 22, 2021**  
**5:30 P.M.**  
**(Minutes from the Meeting of March 8, 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  
March 8, 2021**

The East Orange City Council met on March 8, 2021 at 5:39 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

**ABSENT**

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
Mark Barner, Director	Property Maintenance
Carolyn R. Reed, Director	East Orange Public Library
Romal Bullock	Tax Assessor
Mabelteen Tucker, Director	Human Resources
Daniel Jennings, Director	Planning
Christopher Coke, Director	Public Works

**ALSO PRESENT**

Muzammil Mohamed-Stevens	Public Works
Melody Scott	Mayors Office

**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](mailto: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                      |
| <b>103.</b> | Weldon R. Hobson – Memorial   | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>104.</b> | Charles Destin Archelus – Memorial  | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>105.</b> | Elaine L. Jeffries – Memorial   | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>106.</b> | Resolution to Amend I-46 Friends for Fun to<br>“The Moles”  | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>107.</b> | Resolution Reaffirming March 29 of Each Year<br>as the Date We Welcome Home All Veterans<br>from the Vietnam Conflict and Supporting the<br>Present Legislation for Veterans Pending in the<br>New Jersey Assembly and Senate | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

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                      |
| <b>207.</b> | Resolution Authorizing the City of East Orange<br>To Employ the Competitive Contracting Process<br>To Secure the Services of a Cost Estimator   | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>208.</b> | Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a<br>Redevelopment Agreement Between the<br>City of East Orange and 123 South Munn<br>Urban Renewal Entity or an Entity to be<br>Created Therefrom for Certain Property<br>Identified on the Tax Map of the City of<br>East Orange as Block 420, Lot 3,4 & 5.01<br>Located in the Scattered Sites Redevelopment<br>Zone | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

300 - FINANCE

CHRISTOPHER AWE – CHAIRMAN

**Lewis, Pullins, Holman**

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|-------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 301.        | Personnel                                 | In Committee                      |
| 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                      |
| <b>307.</b> | Payroll No. 5                             | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 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                      |
| <b>315.</b> | Bills, Claims & Appropriations – 3/8/2021 | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

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

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
<b>323.</b>	Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities for Former Employee	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
<b>324.</b>	Authorize Temporary Emergency Appropriation	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>

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
<b>406.</b>	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.”	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
<b>407.</b>	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.”	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
<b>408.</b>	COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day Resolution	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>

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
<b>508.</b>	Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Renee Bowers Franklin to the East Orange Rent Control Board for a Period of Three-Years	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>

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

701.	Community Development	In Committee
702.	Safe and Clean	In Committee

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

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| 703. | Small Tools Library         | In Committee |
| 704. | Green Acres Grant           | In Committee |
| 705. | Women’s Summit in Committee | In Committee |

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                      |
| <b>903.</b> | 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) | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>904.</b> | Resolution Authorizing the Designation of Restricted Parking Spaces  | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

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

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| <b>601.</b> | Ordinances on First Reading           | <b><u>Ordinance No. 8 of 2021</u></b><br>An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Article I, Chapter 132 of the City Code Entitled “House Pets and Domestic Animals”<br><b><u>Ordinance No. 9 of 2021</u></b><br>An Ordinance Amending Chapter 260 Section 14 of the City Code Entitled “All-Night Parking Prohibited; Exceptions”<br><b><u>Ordinance No. 10 of 2021</u></b><br>An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5 Article IX Section 5-70 of the City Code Entitled “Duties of Division Managers; Additional Personnel”  |
| <b>602.</b> | Ordinance on Second and Final Reading | <b><u>Ordinance No. 4 of 2021</u></b><br>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 |

600 - LAW AND LEGISLATION - Continued

VERNON PULLINS, JR. – CHAIRMAN

**Leneus, Lewis, Awe**

602. Ordinance on Second and Final Reading

**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

**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

603. Bingo/Raffles

In Committee

604. A.B.C.

In Committee

605. City Council Rules

In Committee

606. **Settlement:** Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Litigation in the Matter of Francina Leitch v. City of East Orange

**Resolution to be presented**

607. Comcast/Suburban Cable Contract

In Committee

608. Taxi Cabs vs. Livery Licenses

In Committee

1000– COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1000. East Orange Parking Authority

In Committee

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Cynthia S. Brown, City Clerk