

CITY OF EAST ORANGE
THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 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

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"

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

Ordinance No. 10 of 2021

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PRESENTATIONS

MINUTES

January 4, 2021 – Regular Meeting
January 11, 2021 – Regular Meeting
January 25, 2021 – Regular Meeting
February 8, 2021 – Regular Meeting
February 22, 2021 – Regular Meeting

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Correspondence received March 17, 2021 from Joint Meeting of Essex & Union Counties regarding the portion of the second quarter assessment due from the City is the sum of \$2,286.00 being 4.83% of the total amount assessed to the member municipalities that was adopted at a meeting held on March 8, 2021.
2. Correspondence received March 16, 2021 from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation regarding Various Streets - 2021 - East Orange City, Essex County FY 2021 Municipal Aid Program.
3. Correspondence received March 16, 2021 from the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders submitting copies of **Ordinance No. O-2021-00004** - "Salary Ordinance – Board of County Commissioners", **Ordinance No. O-2021-000014** - "Ordinance Amending the Essex County District Solid Waste Management Plan – Inclusion of the Contract by and between the Essex County Utilities Authority and Advanced Enterprises Recycling Inc., for the Transfer Transportation and Disposal of type 13, 23 (Non Processible Portion) and 27 (Non-Hazardous Industrial Waste) Solid Waste Types 13, 23 and 27 to Advanced Enterprises Recycling Control" and **Ordinance No. O-2021-00015** - "Ordinance Amending the Essex County District Solid Waste Management Plan – Inclusion of the Contract by and between the Essex County Utilities Authority and Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc., for the Transfer Transportation and Disposal of Processible Commercial Solid Waste Generated within Essex County and Direction of all Processible Commercial Waste Types 10, 23, 25 and 27 to the Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc., Transfer Station in Elizabeth, New Jersey Pursuant to Regulatory Waste Flow Control".
4. Correspondence received March 16, 2021 from the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders submitting a copy of **Ordinance No. O-2021-00005** – "Ordinance Establishing New Jersey County Option Hospital Fee Pilot Program for the County of Essex".

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

1. Correspondence dated March 9, 2021 appointing Jerome Pearson to serve in the position of Acting Director of Recreation and Cultural Affairs for an additional 45-day period, effective March 7, 2021.

BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES RECEIVED

None

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Constable Report ~ February 2021

Muraad Rasheed
Todd Thompson

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

ARTS, RECREATION and CULTURAL AFFAIRS –TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD

Pullins, Brent, Lewis

Resolution

I-90

Michael Jonas Davis - Memorial

ARTS, RECREATION and CULTURAL AFFAIRS –TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD – Continued

Pullins, Brent, Lewis

Resolution

I-91 Vanessa Jackson - Retirement

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING – CASIM GOMEZ

Awe, Claybrooks, Brent

Resolution

I-92 Resolution Authorizing and Directing the City Planning Board to Investigate Whether All or A Portion of Certain Properties Located Adjacent to The Greenwood Redevelopment Area Constitute A Non-Condensation Area in Need of Redevelopment Pursuant to The Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-12A-1 Et Seq

FINANCE – CHRISTOPHER AWE

Lewis, Pullins, Holman

Resolutions

- I-93** Payroll #6 – March 12, 2021 – March 25, 2021
- I-4** Bill Approval & Payment Listing – 3/22/2021
- I-94** Resolution Authorizing Municipal Court Bail Refund Check - \$561.00
- I-95** Resolution Authorizing Temporary Emergency Appropriation Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 et seq (The Local Budget Law)
- I-96** Resolution for The Refund of Property Registration Fee - \$500.00
- I-97** Resolution Authorizing the Continued Acting Appointment for the Position of Director of Recreation & Cultural Affairs
- I-98** Resolution Approving A One Year Extension of The Grant Writing Agreement Between the City of East Orange and Millennium Strategies
- I-99** Duplicate Tax Payments - \$7,960.52
- I-100** Tax Appeal Refunds - \$189,681.14
- I-101** Authorized Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employees
- I-102** Resolution of the City of East Orange, In the County of Essex, State of New Jersey Authorizing an Application to the Local Finance Board with Respect to Not to Exceed \$59,000,000 Redevelopment Area Bonds (Brick Church Station Redevelopment Project) to Finance a Portion of the Project Costs For the Crossings at Brick Church Station Redevelopment Project and the Guaranty of the Portion of the Bonds Issued By the City to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank and the State of New Jersey, Acting by and Through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, for the Purpose of Financing Infrastructure Improvements, All Pursuant to, as Applicable, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A:-29(a)(3), and N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-67(d)m (f), and (g)

HEALTH and EDUCATION – BERGSON LENEUS

Garrett-Ward, Holman, Claybrook4

No Resolutions

HOUSING, LICENSING and INSPECTION – ALICIA HOLMAN

Claybrooks, Gomez, Leneus

No Resolutions

PLANNING and GRANTS – BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS

Gomez, Leneus, Garrett-Ward

Resolutions

- I-103 Resolution Supporting an Application to, And Acceptance of Award from, the New Jersey Historic Trust (NJHT) – Historic Site Management Grant
- I-104 Resolution Supporting an Application to, And Acceptance of Award from, The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)
- I-105 Resolution Supporting an Application to, And Acceptance of Award from, The NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety (DHTS) Distracted Driving Statewide Crackdown Grant
- I-106 Resolution Supporting an Application to And Acceptance of An Award from The Keep America Beautiful (KAB) – Community Improvement Grants Program MLK Neighborhood Building
- I-107 Resolution Supporting an Application to, And Acceptance of An Award from, the NJ Department of Transportation Youth Corps “Urban Gateway Enhancement Program”

PUBLIC SAFETY – AMY LEWIS

Brent, Garrett-Ward, Pullins

Resolutions

- I-108 Resolution Authorizing the City of East Orange, New Jersey to Purchase One (1) Chevrolet Tahoe Emergency Response Vehicle and Emergency Vehicle Accessory Package for The East Orange Fire Division

PUBLIC WORKS – MUSTAFA AL-M. BRENT

Holman, Awe, Gomez

Resolutions

- I-109 Resolution Awarding A Contract of Professional Services for The Rehabilitation of the Oval Park
- I-110 Resolution Authorizing the Designation of Restricted Parking Spaces
- I-111 Resolution Accepting the Bid of CMS Construction, Inc. For Central City Garage Parking Deck Replacement

LAW AND LEGISLATION – VERNON PULLINS, JR.

Leneus, Lewis, Awe

Resolutions

- I-112 Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Worker’s Compensation Litigation Matter
- I-113 Resolution Authorizing the East Orange Water Commission to Enter into A Right of Entry Agreement With PSE&G

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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Ordinance on First Reading

Ordinance No. 11 of 2021

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 198 of the City Code Entitled "Peace and Good Order"

Ordinance No. 12 of 2021

An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Chapter 173 of the City Code Entitled "Loitering"

Ordinance No. 13 of 2021

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 193 of the City Code known as the "East Orange Ordinance Regulating Conduct in Public Parks"

Ordinance No. 14 of 2021

An Ordinance Providing For the Special Assessment of The Cost of Certain Stormwater And Sanitary Sewer Improvements And Environmental Remediation In The Area of 505 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, In The City of East Orange, In The County Of Essex, State of New Jersey, In The Amount of \$4,500,000, Authorizing the Subsidy of Certain Non-Recourse Bonds or Notes To Be Issued In Connection Therewith, And Authorizing The Execution of Certain Agreements In Connection Therewith

Ordinance No. 15 of 2021

An Ordinance Providing For The Special Assessment of The Cost of Certain Stormwater And Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Environmental Remediation And Other Site Improvements In The Area of 505 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, In The Amount of \$8,500,000, And Authorizing The Execution of Certain Agreements In Connection Therewith

Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinance No. 16 of 2021

An Ordinance Amending and Restating Ordinance No. 32 of 2020, Providing For The Special Assessment of The Cost of Certain Stormwater And Sanitary Sewer Improvements And Environmental Remediation In The Area Of 533 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Also Identified As Block 683, Lot 1, In The City Of East Orange, In The County of Essex, State Of New Jersey, In The Amount of \$10,500,000, Authorizing The Subsidy of Certain Non-Recourse Bonds or Notes To Be Issued In Connection Therewith, And Authorizing The Execution of Certain Agreements In Connection Therewith

Ordinance No. 17 of 2021

An Ordinance Of The City of East Orange, In The County of Essex, State Of New Jersey Authorizing The Provision of A Subsidy By The City For The Funding of Deficiencies In One Or More Debt Service Reserve Funds Established For One or More Series of Not To Exceed \$26,100,000 Redevelopment Area Bonds (Brick Church Station Redevelopment Project) Being Issued To Finance A Portion of The Project Costs For Phase 1A of The Crossings At Brick Church Station Redevelopment Project For The Purpose of Providing Additional Security Therefor, And Authorizing The Execution and Delivery of One or More Subsidy Agreements in Connection Therewith

Ordinance No. 18 of 2021

An Ordinance of The City of East Orange, In The County of Essex, State of New Jersey Authorizing The Guaranty of The Payment of The Principal of And Interest on Not Exceeding \$15,000,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of City-Guaranteed Redevelopment Area Bonds (Brick Church Redevelopment Project), Issued By The City of East Orange To The New Jersey Infrastructure Bank And The State of New Jersey, Acting By And Through The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, For The Purpose of Providing Additional Security Therefor, And Determining Certain Other Matters In Connection Therewith

Ordinance No. 19 of 2021

An Ordinance Providing For The Special Assessment of The Cost of Certain Improvements on And In The Area of Block 683, Lot 1 And Block 683, Lot 1.01, In The City of East Orange, In The County of Essex, State of New Jersey, And Authorizing The Execution of Certain Agreements In Connection Therewith

Ordinance No. 20 of 2021

An Ordinance Providing For The Special Assessment of The Cost of Certain Improvements On And In The Area of Block 683, Lot 4.01, Block 683, Lot 4.02, And Block 683 Lot 5 In The City of East Orange, In The County of Essex, State of New Jersey, And Authorizing The Execution of Certain Agreements In Connection Therewith

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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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