

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

Monday, May 11, 2020

5:30 P.M.

(Minutes from the Meeting of April 27, 2020)

**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
April 27, 2020**

The East Orange City Council met on April 27, 2020 at 5:57 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; Mustafa Al-M Brent; Tameika Garrett-Ward; Bergson Leneus; Alicia Holman; Amy Lewis; Christopher Awe; Brittany Claybrooks; Christopher D. James

ABSENT

Vernon Pullins, Jr.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Solomon Steplight, City Administrator	City Administrator
Ryan Linder, Corporation Counsel	Law Department
Juan Uribe, CFO	Finance Department
Romal Bullock, Director	Tax Assessor
Andre Williams, Chief	Fire Department
Phyllis Bindi, Chief	Police Department
Dominigos Saldida, Director	Public Safety
Mark Barner, Director	Property Maintenance
Christopher Coke, Director	Public Works
Renee Muhammad, Director	Recreation
Monique Griffith, Director	Health and Human Services
Daniel Jennings, Director	Planning
Carolyn R. Reed, Director	East Orange Public Library

ALSO PRESENT

Tony Jackson	Mayor's Office
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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, 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.

- Antonius Agelink: Requesting the City to abandon or restrict the use of professional leaf blowers during these unprecedented times in the City of East Orange

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. | Delbert "Oscar" Dale Christian – 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. | Resolution Authorizing the Determination of need for 67 South Munn Avenue | Resolution to be presented |
| 208. | Resolution Amending Resolution I-154 of 2018 to Correct the Number of Units (SBF Estates Urban Renewal Entity' | Resolution to be presented |
| 209. | Resolution Designating SBF Development LLC as a Redeveloper 58 Ashland Avenue Located in the Transit Village Redevelopment Area | Resolution to be presented |

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 |
| 307. | Payroll No. 8 | Resolution to be presented |
| 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 |
| 315. | Bills, Claims & Appropriations – April 27, 2020 | 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 - \$23,313.73 | Resolution to be presented |
| 323. | Resolution Authorizing Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employees (\$82,497.11) | Resolution to be presented |

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

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| 324. | Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964" | Resolution to be presented |
| 325. | Introduction of the 2020 CY Budget | Resolution to be presented |
| 326. | Resolution to Accept CDBG Funds Authorized under the Cares Act | Resolution to be presented |
| 327. | Resolution Authorizing an Agreement between The City of East Orange and Municipay | 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 |

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 Amending Resolution I-34 of 2018 Authorizing the Execution of a Project Agreement with the East Orange Housing And Development Project in the Greenwood Area | 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 Awarding a Contract of Engineering Services for the Rehabilitation of Columbian Park | 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. 15 of 2020</u>
An Ordinance Rescinding Ordinance 32 of 2019 (Transfer of 55 Ashland Avenue and 125 North 14th Street to NCRC)
<u>Ordinance No. 16 of 2020</u>
An Ordinance Authorizing Issuance of Special Emergency Appropriation in an Amount not to Exceed \$825,000 to Fund a Citywide Revaluation of Properties
<u>Ordinance No. 17 of 2020</u>
Ordinance to Establish CAP Bank on 2020 Municipal Budget
<u>Ordinance No. 18 of 2020</u>
An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 13 of 2019 and 9 of 2017 Relating to Salaries and Classifications of Certain Municipal Personnel of the City of East Orange that are Confidential and/or City Officials |
| 602. | Ordinance on Second and Final Reading | <u>Ordinance No. 13 of 2020</u>
An Ordinance to Approve the Tax Exemption and to Authorize the Execution of a Financial Agreement between the City of East Orange and Norman Towers Urban Renewal, LLC |
| 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. | Resolution Authorizing the Settlement of Workers Compensation Litigation Matter Anthony Wynter vs. City of East Orange (\$42,890.00) | Resolution to be presented |
| 610. | Resolution Waiving the 20-Day Effective Period on Ordinance No. 13 of 2020 | 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 6:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Cynthia S. Brown, City Clerk



EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL Public Meeting Dates 2020

East Orange City Hall
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& Times / 5:30 PM COMMITTEE DISCUSSION & AGENDA MEETINGS
6:00 PM REGULAR OFFICIAL MEETINGS



Meetings are held every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month.
Residents are Encouraged to Attend.

In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, Public Notice is hereby given that the East Orange City Council has established the following 2020 Meeting Dates.

Formal action may take place at these Meetings. Executive Sessions may be held at Committee Meetings or at Regular Meetings. The Meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers located at 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange, New Jersey. 07018

MONDAY, JANUARY 13th	TUESDAY, MAY 26th	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13th
MONDAY, JANUARY 27th	MONDAY, JUNE 8th	MONDAY, OCTOBER 26th
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th	MONDAY, JUNE 22nd	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9th
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24th	MONDAY, JULY 13th	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd
MONDAY, MARCH 9th	MONDAY, JULY 27th	MONDAY, DECEMBER 14th
MONDAY, MARCH 23rd	MONDAY, AUGUST 10th	MONDAY, DECEMBER 28th
MONDAY, APRIL 13th	MONDAY, AUGUST 24th	CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021 @ 6:00 PM
MONDAY, APRIL 27th	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th	
MONDAY, MAY 11th	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th	

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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 will be conducted via Video Conference, Streaming on Facebook Live-facebook.com/eocitycouncil until further notice.