

**CITY OF EAST ORANGE**  
**THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Monday, February 14, 2022**  
**5:30 P.M.**  
**(Minutes from the Meeting of January 24, 2022)**

**CHRISTOPHER AWE**  
**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  
January 24, 2022**

The East Orange City Council met on January 24, 2022 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; Tameika Garrett-Ward; Bergson Leneus; Brittany Claybrooks; Alicia Holman; Vernon Pullins, Jr.; Amy Lewis; Christopher Awe

**ABSENT**

Christopher D. James

**CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Solomon Steplight, Acting City Administrator	City Administrator
Ryan Linder, Acting Corporation Counsel	Law Department
Phyllis Bindi, Chief	Police Department
Bruce Davis, Acting Chief	Fire Department
Dorothy Gallagher, CFO	Finance
Jamal Pearson, Acting Director	Recreation
Romal D. Bullock	Tax Assessor
Monica Reed, Acting Director	Human Resources
Tiffany Harris-Delaney, Acting Director	Planning
Eladio Negron, Acting Director	Code Enforcement
Monique Griffith, Acting Director	Health and Human Services
Pamela Holmes, Acting Director	East Orange Public Library

**ALSO PRESENT**

Shantika Dorsey, Assistant Corporation Counsel	Law Department
Tony Jackson	Mayor's Office
Muzammil Mohamed-Stevens	Public Works
Deputy Chief Cosby	Fire Department

**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.

This Meeting of the East Orange City Council will be conducted via video conference, streaming on Facebook Live - [facebook.com/eocitycouncil](https://www.facebook.com/eocitycouncil).

Residents may 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

BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS - CHAIRWOMAN

**Lewis, Gomez, Garrett-Ward**

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|------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 101. | Recreation Department      | In Committee |
| 102. | East Orange Public Library | In Committee |

200 - BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING

CASIM GOMEZ – CHAIRMAN

**Leneus, Brent, James**

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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 Amending Resolution I-156 of 2021 to Extend the Conditional Designation to New Life Construction & Property Management LLC or to an Entity to be created Therefrom as Redeveloper for 381 Main Street Located in the Transit Village Redevelopment Area and to Authorize the Execution of the Redevelopment Agreement     | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>208.</b> | Resolution Amending Resolution I-198 of 2021 to Extend the Designation of Jarid Jamar Construction Company, Inc, or an Entity to be Created Therefrom as Redeveloper for 62, 63, 64, 74 and 76 North 15 <sup>th</sup> Street Located in the Greenwood Redevelopment Area and to Authorize the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

300 - FINANCE

VERNON PULLINS, JR. – CHAIRMAN

**Holman, James, Lewis**

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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 #1                                 | <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 – 1/24/2022 | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| 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                      |

300 – FINANCE - Continued  
VERNON PULLINS, JR. – CHAIRMAN  
**Holman, James, Lewis**

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|-------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| <b>323.</b> | Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employees - \$34,120.89      | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>324.</b> | Resolution Authorizing the City of East Orange to Extend the Contract for Golf Cart Rentals | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>325.</b> | Resolution Amending the Gas Mileage Reimbursement Rate for City Employees                   | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

400 – HEALTH and EDUCATION  
TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD – CHAIRWOMAN  
**Brent, Claybrooks, Leneus**

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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                      |
| <b>406.</b> | Resolution Calling on the President of the United States to Take Executive Action to Broadly Cancel Federal Student Loan Debt | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>407.</b> | Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023                               | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

500 – HOUSING, LICENSING AND INSPECTION  
CHRISTOPHER D. JAMES – CHAIRMAN  
**Garrett-Ward, Leneus, Claybrooks**

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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  
BERGSON LENEUS – CHAIRMAN  
**James, Pullins, Holman**

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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 |

800 - PUBLIC SAFETY  
AMY LEWIS – CHAIRWOMAN  
**Pullins, Garrett-Ward, Brent**

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| 801.        | Police Department  | In Committee                      |
| 802.        | Fire Department  | In Committee                      |
| <b>803.</b> | Resolution Approving Memorandum of Agreement with The Firemen’s Mutual Benevolent Association, Branch No. 23   | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>804.</b> | Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Agreement with The East Orange Fire Officers Association (Deputy Chiefs)  | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>805.</b> | Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Agreement with the Firemen’s Mutual Benevolent Association Branch No. 423 | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

900 - PUBLIC WORKS  
MUSTAFA AL-M. BRENT – CHAIRMAN  
Claybrooks, Holman, Gomez

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| 901.        | Capital Improvement Projects  | under Construction                |
| 902.        | Streetscape   | In Committee                      |
| <b>903.</b> | Resolution Authorizing the Use of an Approved State Contract Vendor for the Installation of an Above Ground Storage Tank System at Midland Yard | <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  
ALICIA HOLMAN – CHAIRWOMAN  
Gomez, Lewis, Pullins

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| <b>601.</b> | Ordinances on First Reading     | <b><u>Ordinance No. 1 of 2022</u></b><br>An Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Chapter 51, Article XXX Entitled “Storm Water Control”<br><b><u>Ordinance No. 2 of 2022</u></b><br>An Ordinance Amending Sections 260-9 of the East Orange City Code to Provide for the Creation of Four Way Stop Signs at Various Locations<br><b><u>Ordinance No. 3 of 2022</u></b><br>An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Chapter 260-14.1 of the Code of the City of East Orange for the Creation of No Parking |
| 602.        | Ordinance on Second and Reading | In Committee   |
| 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   |

1000– COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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| 1000. | East Orange Parking Authority | In Committee |
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Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Cynthia S. Brown, City Clerk

## THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL 2022 SCHEDULED MEETING DATES

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 2022 Meeting Dates.

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

### **Committee Discussion & Agenda Meetings** 5:30PM

Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

### **Regular Official Meetings** 6:00PM

Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> (Virtual)

Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> (Virtual)  
Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> (Virtual)

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**City Council Reorganization Meeting  
Monday, January 9, 2023  
@ 5:30 PM**