

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

**Monday, February 14, 2022**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**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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**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday, February 14, 2022**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Ordinance No. 1 of 2022**

An Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Chapter 51, Article XXX Entitled "Storm Water Control"

**Ordinance No. 2 of 2022**

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

**Ordinance No. 3 of 2022**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

**MINUTES**

November 22, 2021 – Regular City Council Meeting  
December 13, 2021 – Regular City Council Meeting  
December 27, 2021 – Regular City Council Meeting

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Correspondence received on February 8, 2022 from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification NJDEP Case Number: 22-02-07-1227-46.
2. Correspondence received on February 7, 2022 from Brilliant Environmental Services, LLC regarding Public Notification-Letter LNA Facility No. 57347 – 100 Central Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey, Block 190, Lot 1, NJDEP Case #91-03-14-0906 NJDEP PI #006264, Brilliant Project No. 4635.20.
3. Correspondence received on February 4, 2022 from Brilliant Environmental Services, LLC regarding Public Notification-Letter LNA Facility No. 57202 – 544 William Street, east Orange, New Jersey Block 660, Lot 2 PI #006263, Case # 06-06-08-1446-18, Brilliant Project No. 4642.20.
4. Correspondence received on February 4, 2022 from the Essex County Board of County Commissioners submitting a copy of **Ordinance No. O-2021-00015** – "Amendment to Ordinance #0-1979-00112 as Revised – The Code of the County of Essex – Chapter 2 (Administrative Code)".
5. Correspondence received on February 1, 2022 from the Law Office of Ronald P. Mondello, Esq., regarding Municipal Cannabis Law Services.
6. Correspondence received January 24, 2022 from the Essex County Board of County Commissioners submitting copies of **Ordinance No. O-2022-00001** – "Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements by the County of Essex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$16,250,000.00 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$15,470,000.00 Bonds or Notes of the County for Financing such Appropriation" and **Ordinance No. O-2022-00002** – "Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of Buses for Senior Services Transportation and Acquisition of Automotive Vehicles for the Sheriff and Prosecutor's Office in and by the County of Essex, New Jersey , Appropriating \$2,250,000.00 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,140,000.00 Bonds or Notes of the County for Financing such Appropriation".
7. Correspondence received January 24, 2022 from Joint Meeting submitting a copy of the Minutes from the Meeting of November 10, 2021, Resolutions from the Meeting of October 21, 2021, Reports from the Meeting of October 21, 2021 and Meeting of September 17, 2021.

**MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Correspondence received February 10, 2022 appointment Eladio Negrón to serve in the position of Acting Director of Code Enforcement for an additional 45-day period, effective February 15, 2022.
2. Correspondence received February 10, 2022 re-appointing Jerome Pearson to serve in the position of Acting Director of Recreation and Cultural Affairs for an additional 45-day period, effective February 15, 2022.
3. Correspondence received February 10, 2022 re-appointing Monique Griffith to serve in the position of Acting Director of Health and Human Services for an additional 45-day period, effective February 15, 2022.
4. Correspondence received February 10, 2022 re-appointing Malee Wing to serve in the position of First Assistant Corporation Counsel for an additional 45-day period, effective February 15, 2022.
5. Correspondence received February 10, 2022 re-appointing Ryan Linder to serve in the position of Acting Corporation Counsel for an additional 45-day period, effective February 15, 2022.

**MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS - Continued**

- 6. Correspondence received February 10, 2022 appointing Monica Reed to serve in the position of Acting Director of Human Resources for an additional 45-day period, effective February 15, 2022.
- 7. Correspondence received February 10, 2022 appointing Rupert Bell to serve in the position of Acting Director of Public Works for an additional 45-day period, effective February 15, 2022.
- 8. Correspondence received February 10, 2022 appointing Tiffany Harris-Delaney to serve in the position of Acting Director of Policy, Planning and Development for an additional 45-day period, effective February 15, 2022
- 9. Correspondence received February 10, 2022 re-appointing Dale A. Forde to serve in the position of Acting Deputy City Clerk for an additional 45-day period, effective February 15, 2022.
- 10. Correspondence received February 10, 2022 re-appointing Solomon Steplight to serve in the position of Acting City Administrator for an additional 45-day period, effective February 15, 2022.
- 11. Correspondence received January 20, 2022 withdrawing the appointment of Sherry Green from the Rent Control Board.

**BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES RECEIVED**

None

**REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**Constable Reports – January**

William H. Cotton, Sr.  
Tracy Williams

**Constable Reports – December**

Devin Drake  
Muraad Rasheed  
Todd Thompson (November)

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**ARTS, RECREATION and CULTURAL AFFAIRS – BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS**

Lewis, Gomez, Garrett-Ward

**Resolutions**

- I-30 Honorable Bob Pickett - Memorial
- I-31 Jay Curtis Hutchins, III – Memorial
- I-32 Jake Allen – Commendation

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING – CASIM GOMEZ**

Leneus, Brent, James

**Resolutions**

- I-33 Resolution Authorizing the City of East Orange to Terminate the Pilot Agreement with 11 Sussex Avenue LLC
- I-34 Resolution Authorizing the Termination of the Pilot Agreement with CAPC 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Urban Renewal, LLC
- I-35 Resolution Approving a Settlement Agreement between the City of East Orange and 125 SHS Urban Renewal, LLC
- I-36 Resolution of the City of East Orange to Authorize the Execution of the Amended Redevelopment Agreement of 14 Summit Street Holdings, LLC for the Development of Block 361, Lots 16 and 22 Located Within the Transit Village District Redevelopment Area

**FINANCE – VERNON PULLINS, JR.**

Holman, James, Lewis

**Resolutions**

- I-37 Payroll No. 1  
January 1, 2022 - January 14, 2022
- I-38 Payroll No. 2  
January 15, 2022 - January 21, 2022
- I-39 Payroll No. 3  
January 29, 2022 - February 11, 2022
- I-4 Bill Approval & Payment Listing – 2/14/2022
- I-40 Resolution Authorizing the Renewal Purchase of Software and Hardware Maintenance Agreements for Financial Accounting System
- I-41 Resolution Authorizing Purchase of a Software and Hardware Update for Financial Accounting System

**FINANCE – VERNON PULLINS, JR. - Continued**

Holman, James, Lewis

**Resolutions**

- I-42 Authorize Temporary Emergency Appropriations Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 Et Seq (The Local Budget Law)
- I-43 Legal Transfer CY2022
- I-44 Duplicate Tax Payments - \$2,820.00
- I-45 Resolution Authorizing the City to Enter Into a Renewal Cooperative Pricing Agreement With the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System, #2-SOCCP
- I-46 Resolution Authorizing the City of East Orange to Enter Into a State Cooperative Pricing Agreement
- I-47 Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employees - \$52,773.00
- I-48 Resolution Designating Defense Litigation, Workers Compensation and Special Conflict Counsel Through Claims Resolution Corporation, Inc., The City's Third Party Insurance Administrator
- I-49 Resolution Designating Police Practices Defense Counsel Through Claims Resolution Corporation, Inc. The City's Third-Party Insurance Administrator
- I-50 Resolution Designating Special Conflict Counsel to the City Council Through Claims Resolution Corporation, Inc. The City's Third-Party Insurance Administrator
- I-51 Resolution Awarding Professional Services Contracts for Insurance Coverage Defense Counsel
- I-52 Resolution Authorizing the City of East Orange to Use The Competitive Contracting Process to Secure the Services of a Planning & Zoning Consultant
- I-53 Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of Competitive Contract Request for Proposal for a Hearing Officer
- I-54 Tax Appeal Refunds - \$28,311.07
- I-55 Resolution Authorizing Continued Acting Appointments
- I-56 Confirmation of Samantha J. Mendenhall as Judge of the East Orange Municipal Court

**HEALTH and EDUCATION – TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD**

Brent, Claybrooks, Leneus

**No Resolutions**

**HOUSING, LICENSING and INSPECTION – CHRISTOPHER D. JAMES**

Garrett-Ward, Leneus, Claybrooks

**No Resolutions**

**PLANNING and GRANTS – BERGSON LENUS**

James, Pullins, Holman

**No Resolutions**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – AMY LEWIS**

Pullins, Garrett-Ward, Brent

**No Resolutions**

**PUBLIC WORKS – MUSTAFA AL-M. BRENT**

Claybrooks, Holman, Gomez

**Resolutions**

- I-57 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of An Application for a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Treatment Works Approval for 14 Summit St Urban Renewal Entity, LLC (Block 361, Lot 16 & 22)
- I-58 Resolution to Award a Contract for the Renovation of Three Firehouses #2, #3, & #5

**LAW AND LEGISLATION – ALICIA HOLMAN**

Gomez, Lewis, Pullins

**No Resolutions**

**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 – BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS**

Lewis, Gomez, Garrett-Ward

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT and ZONING – CASIM GOMEZ**

Leneus, Brent, James

**Resolution**

- I-59 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Financial Agreement for Payment in Lieu of Taxes With Respect to Certain Properties Identified on the City’s Tax Maps as Block 180, Lot 15.01 Commonly Known as 10 South Grove Street

**FINANCE – VERNON PULLINS, JR.**

Holman, James, Lewis

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Garrett-Ward, Leneus, Claybrooks

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Gomez, Lewis, Pullins

**Ordinances on First Reading**

**Ordinance No. 4 of 2022**

Ordinance to Appropriate \$1,200,000.00 from the Water Capital Improvement Fund to Pay for a Sewer Infiltration and Inflow Study for the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of East Orange

**Ordinance No. 5 of 2022**

An Ordinance Amending Sections 260-14 of the East Orange City Code to Provide for the Creating of No Parking – 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

**LAW AND LEGISLATION – ALICIA HOLMAN - Continued**

Gomez, Lewis, Pullins

**Ordinance on First Reading**

**Ordinance No. 6 of 2022**

An Ordinance Amending Sections 260-9 of the East Orange City Code to Provide for the Creation of Four Way Stop Signs at East Park Street

**Ordinances on Second & 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.

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 5:30 PM.

**CALL OF WARDS**

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City Council Chairman

**FIRST WARD**

Christopher D. James  
Amy Lewis

**SECOND WARD**

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**THIRD WARD**

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Vernon Pullins, Jr.

**FOURTH WARD**

Casim L. Gomez  
Tameika Garrett-Ward

**FIFTH WARD**

Alicia Holman  
Mustafa Al-M. Brent



## 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>

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

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