

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

Monday, February 28, 2022

5:30 P.M.

(Minutes from the Meeting of February 14, 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
February 14, 2022**

The East Orange City Council met on February 14, 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

Honorable Ted R. Green	Mayor
Solomon Steplight, Acting City Administrator	City Administrator
Ryan Linder, Acting Corporation Counsel	Law 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
Rupert Bell, Acting Director	Public Works

ALSO PRESENT

Captain Carla Roberts	East Orange Police Department
Honorable Samantha Mendenhall, Esq.	Municipal Court
Muzammil Mohamed-Stevens	Public Works
Donyale Harris	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.

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 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 |
| 103. | Honorable Bob Pickett – Memorial | Resolution to be presented |
| 104. | Jay Curtis Hutchins, III – Memorial | Resolution to be presented |
| 105. | Jake Allen – Commendation | Resolution to be presented |

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 |
| 207. | Resolution Authorizing the City of East Orange to Terminate the Pilot Agreement with 11 Sussex Avenue LLC | Resolution to be presented |
| 208. | Resolution Authorizing the Termination of the Pilot Agreement with CAPC 4 th Avenue Urban Renewal, LLC | Resolution to be presented |
| 209. | Resolution Approving a Settlement Agreement between the City of East Orange and 125 SHS Urban Renewal, LLC | Resolution to be presented |
| 210. | 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 | Resolution to be presented |
| 211. | 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 | Resolution to be presented |

300 - FINANCE

VERNON PULLINS, JR. – CHAIRMAN

Holman, James, Lewis

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| 301. | Personnel | Confirmation of Samantha J. Mendenhall as Judge of the East Orange Municipal Court
Resolution to be presented |
| 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 #1 | Resolution to be presented |
| | Payroll #2 | Resolution to be presented |
| | Payroll #3 | Resolution to be presented |
| 308. | Stop Payments | In Committee |
| 309. | Legal Transfer – CY2022 | Resolution to be presented |
| 310. | Tax Payment Plan | In Committee |
| 311. | Tax Appeal Refund - \$28,311.07 | Resolution to be presented |

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

312.	Annual Tax Sale	In Committee
313.	Tax Abatement	In Committee
314.	In Lieu of Taxes	In Committee
315.	Bills, Claims & Appropriations – 2/14/2022	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 - \$2,820.00	Resolution to be presented
323.	Authorize Payment of Accumulated Absence Liabilities to Former Employees - \$52,773.00	Resolution to be presented
324.	Resolution Authorizing the Renewal Purchase of Software and Hardware Maintenance Agreements for Financial Accounting System	Resolution to be presented
325.	Resolution Authorizing Purchase of a Software And Hardware Update for Financial Accounting System	Resolution to be presented
326.	Authorize Temporary Emergency Appropriations Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 Et Seq (The Local Budget Law)	Resolution to be presented
327.	Resolution Authorizing the City to Enter Into a Renewal Cooperative Pricing Agreement With the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System, #2-SOCCP	Resolution to be presented
328.	Resolution Authorizing the City of East Orange to Enter Into a State Cooperative Pricing Agreement	Resolution to be presented
329.	Resolution Designating Defense Litigation, Workers Compensation and Special Conflict Counsel Through Claims Resolution Corporation, Inc., The City's Third Party Insurance Administrator	Resolution to be presented
330.	Resolution Designating Police Practices Defense Counsel Through Claims Resolution Corporation, Inc. The City's Third-Party Insurance Administrator	Resolution to be presented
331.	Resolution Designating Special Conflict Counsel to the City Council Through Claims Resolution Corporation, Inc. The City's Third-Party Insurance Administrator	Resolution to be presented
332.	Resolution Awarding Professional Services Contracts for Insurance Coverage Defense Counsel	Resolution to be presented
333.	Resolution Authorizing the City of East Orange to Use The Competitive Contracting Process to Secure the Services of a Planning & Zoning Consultant	Resolution to be presented
334.	Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of Competitive Contract Request for Proposal for a Hearing Officer	Resolution to be presented
335.	Resolution Authorizing Continued Acting Appointments	Resolution to be presented

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

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

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 |

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 |
| 903. | 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) | Resolution to be presented |
| 904. | Resolution to Award a Contract for the Renovation of Three Firehouses #2, #3, & #5 | Resolution to be presented |

600 - LAW AND LEGISLATION

ALICIA HOLMAN – CHAIRWOMAN

Gomez, Lewis, Pullins

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| 601. | Ordinances on First Reading | <u>Ordinance No. 4 of 2022</u>
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
<u>Ordinance No. 5 of 2022</u>
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
<u>Ordinance No. 6 of 2022</u>
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 |
| 602. | Ordinance on Second and Reading | <u>Ordinance No. 1 of 2022</u>
An Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Chapter 51, Article XXX Entitled “Storm Water Control” |

600 - LAW AND LEGISLATION - Continued

ALICIA HOLMAN – CHAIRWOMAN

Gomez, Lewis, Pullins

602. Ordinance on Second and Reading

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

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

1000. East Orange Parking Authority

In Committee

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 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 10th
Monday, January 24th

Monday, February 14th
Monday, February 28th

Monday, March 14th
Monday, March 28th

Monday, April 11th
Monday, April 25th

Monday, May 9th
Tuesday, May 23rd

Monday, June 13th
Monday, June 27th

Monday, July 11th
Monday, July 25th

Monday, August 8th
Monday, August 22nd

Monday, September 12th
Monday, September 26th

Tuesday, October 11th
Monday, October 24th

Tuesday, November 14th
Monday, November 28th

Monday, December 12th
Monday, December 19th

Regular Official Meetings 6:00PM

Monday, January 10th
Monday, January 24th (Virtual)

Monday, February 14th (Virtual)
Monday, February 28th (Virtual)

Monday, March 14th
Monday, March 28th

Monday, April 11th
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Monday, September 26th

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Monday, October 24th

Tuesday, November 14th
Monday, November 28th

Monday, December 12th
Monday, December 19th

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